

# The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



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Pray For Ukraine

*Sunday of forgiveness*

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The Sunday of Forgiveness is the last Sunday prior to the commencement of Great Lent. During the pre-Lenten period, the services of the Church include hymns from the Triodion, a liturgical book that contains the services from the

Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, the tenth before Pascha (Easter), through Great and Holy Saturday. On the Sunday of Forgiveness focus is placed on the exile of Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden, an event that shows us how far we have fallen in sin and separated ourselves from God. At the onset of Great Lent and a period of intense fasting, this Sunday reminds us of our need for God's forgiveness and guides our hearts, minds, and spiritual efforts on returning to Him in repentance. The Sunday of Forgiveness, the last of the preparatory Sundays before Great Lent, has

two themes: it commemorates Adam's expulsion from Paradise, and it accentuates our need for forgiveness. There are obvious reasons why these two things should be brought to our attention as we stand on the threshold of Great Lent. One of the primary images in the Triodion is that of the return to Paradise. Lent is a time when we weep with Adam and Eve before the closed gate of Eden, repenting with them for the sins that have deprived us of our free communion with God. But Lent is also a time when we are preparing to celebrate the saving event of Christ's death and rising, which has reopened Paradise to us once more (Luke 23:43). So sorrow for our exile in sin is tempered by hope of our re-entry into Paradise.

The Sunday of Forgiveness also directs us to see that Great Lent is a journey of liberation from our enslavement to sin. The Gospel lesson sets the conditions for this liberation. The first one is fasting—the refusal to accept the desires and urges of our fallen nature as normal, the effort to free ourselves from the dictatorship of the flesh and matter over the spirit. To be effective, however, our fast must not be unto men to fast but to our Father who is in secret” (vv. 16-18).be hypocritical, a “showing off.” We must “appear not unto men to fast but to our Father who is in secret” (vv. 16-18).

The second theme, that of forgiveness, is emphasized in the Gospel reading for this Sunday (Matthew 6:14-21) and in the special ceremony of mutual forgiveness at the end of the Sunday services. Before we enter the Lenten fast, we are reminded that there can be no true fast, no genuine repentance, no reconciliation with God, unless we are at the same time reconciled with one another. A fast without mutual love is the fast of demons. We do not travel the road of Lent as isolated individuals but as members of a family. Our asceticism and fasting should not separate us from others, but should link us to them with ever-stronger bonds.

“If you forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you” (vv. 14-15). The triumph of sin, the main sign of its rule over the world, is division, opposition, separation, hatred. Therefore, the first break through this fortress of sin is forgiveness—the return to unity, solidarity, love. To forgive is to put between me and my “enemy” the radiant forgiveness of God Himself. To forgive is to reject the hopeless “dead-ends” of human relations and to refer them to Christ. Forgiveness is truly a “breakthrough” of the Kingdom into this sinful and fallen world.

## Liturgical Schedule

<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>March 2</b> 8:45am Matins 9:30am Hours <b>10:00am</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b> <b><u>Forgiveness</u></b> <b><u>Service</u></b></p>	<p><b>Cheesefare Sunday, of Forgiveness Tone 4</b> Expulsion of Adam from the Paradise of Bliss. Hieromartyr Theodotus, bishop of Cyrenia (326). Virgin-martyr Euthalia (257). Martyr Troadius of Neo-Caesarea (3rd c.). St. Agatho of Egypt, monk (5th c.). 440 Martyrs slain by the Lombards (579). Matins (3): Mk. 16:9-20; Rom. 13:11-14:4; Mt. 6:14-21; The Last day before the Great Lent</p>
<p><b>Monday</b> <b>March 3</b></p>	<p>Beginning of Great Lent Canon of St. Andrew of Crete at 6:30pm</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> <b>March 5</b></p>	<p>Akathist to the Passions of Christ at 6:00pm.</p>
<p><b>Saturday</b> <b>March 8</b></p>	<p>Vespers at 5:00pm</p>
<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>March 9</b> 8:45am Matins 9:30am Hours <b>9:30am</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>1st Sunday of the Great Lent: Triumph of Orthodoxy. Tone 4</b> The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste: Cyrion, Candidus, Domnus, Hesychius and others (320). Urpasianus of Nicomedia (295). Righteous Caesarius, brother of St. Gregory the Theologian (369). St. Tarasius of Liconium. Matins (4): Lk. 24:1-12; Heb. 11:24-26, 32-12:2; Jn. 1:43-51; <i>Liturgy of St. Basil the Great.</i></p>
<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>March 9</b> <b>6:30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Pan-Orthodox Vespers</b> at Assumption Greek Orthodox Church. 601 S. Central Ave. Chicago, IL 6:30pm</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> <b>March 12</b> <b>6:30pm</b></p>	<p>Pre-sanctified Divine Liturgy at our parish Followed by pot-luck</p>



### **Recaps of Sunday February 23, 2025**

Last Sunday, Ms. Karen and Ms. Faith's classes were combined, and all of the children stayed in church after liturgy for the Panychyda service for the 3 year invasion of Ukraine and the 40th day of Julian Naumenko's passing. The children then went to their class, and we learned the significance of 40 days after one's passing and praying for those who have been lost. We are reminded that the Lord was resurrected and ascended into heaven 40 days later. We also learned that the 40th Day Memorial prayer service can be very comforting for the families and friends and that in the Orthodox faith we believe death is not the end and we will be reunited at the 2nd coming of Christ our Lord. The children then made condolence cards for the Naumeko family.

*In Christ's love, Ms. Faith*

### **Recap of Teen Class - February 23, 2025**

Because we were short on time with the memorial service for Julian Naumenko and the three year anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine, as well as the teens helping with the luncheon, I asked if they would be willing to have our lesson after lunch. They willingly agreed.

We quickly picked up on our understanding of the tabernacle which is the most sacred object in the church. As previously mentioned, if the tabernacle is large enough all the sacred items on the Altar Table are generally kept inside. However, if it is not large enough the holy and sacred items are kept on the Altar Table in front of the Tabernacle. What are these sacred items that are part of our Orthodox worship and the Divine Liturgy?

\*The Lord Jesus Himself is present as his Body and Blood are always kept in the Tabernacle.

\* In addition to the Body and Blood of Christ the Holy oil of Chrismation is present, as well as the oil of holy unction which is used for the healing of the sick.

\* A spoon

\* The Holy Bible which represents the presence of God.

\* A cross symbolizing the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Lastly, we discussed two important transitions during our Divine

Liturgy. The first is the Small (or Little) Entrance when the Holy Gospel is brought to the Altar Table and placed before the Tabernacle again symbolizing the presence of God. The second transition is the Great Entrance, shortly after the reading of scripture from the Holy Gospel, known as the Great Entrance, when the "Bread and Wine" are brought from the "Table of Preparation" through the Royal Doors to the Altar Table where it becomes the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. The meaning and symbolism of these two transitions were important to understand, particularly for our students who are faithful Altar Servers

Next week we will continue with the Gospel Book and Table of Preparation.

I hope you are enjoying learning more about our Orthodox worship with me and the students.

*In the Love and Glory of Jesus Christ, Ms. Pat*

## **Announcements**

***Parish Council*** usually meets once a month on the second Sunday of the month. Next Council meeting regarding the Annual meeting will take place on Sunday March 2, 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.

***Parish Annual Meeting*** is Sunday March 9, 2025 after the Coffee Hour. We ask all of the parishioners to put an extra effort to be present at the important meeting.

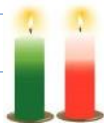
***All of the officers*** of parish organizations are asked to submit an annual report. All of the reports are asked to be submitted preferably electronically by Sunday March 2, 2025

<b><i>Sunday's Second Collection</i></b>
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Sunday's Second Special Collection is dedicated each month to a different cause:

Month of March to the victims of Californian wild fires.

## Seven Day Vigil Candles



- For the health of Patti Faye by John Batura
- For the health and well-being of our daughter and sister as she celebrates her 21st birthday. ~Ted, Karen & Nate Larson
- For the health of Janet Gabske by PM Olenka
- For the health my husband Mike Beck by Pat Beck
- For the health of nephew John Mulvihiill by Pat Beck
- For the health of ny sister Christine Doyle by Pat Beck
- For the health and God's blessings of Tina Palasti  
by PM Olenka
- For the health of Larry Pierog by Fr. Vasyl
- For the health of Tina Palasti by Fr. Vasyl



Memory eternal for my maternal multi-generational great grand-fathers whose identities I recently discovered:

Jacob Arendt (b: 1760's), Johann Jacob Arendt (b: 1789) and Johann Benjamin Wilhelm Arendt (b: 1832).

~Karen Larson

## 50/50 Club

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

Next drawing will take place **on Sunday March 2, 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*

## Sisterhood of St. Anne

***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:**

March 2 Sunday after Coffee hour — make cheese balls

March 3 Monday at 8:30am- pinch cheese

March 4 Tuesday at 5:30pm-boil cabbage

***March 6 Thursday sale 11am-2pm***

***March 8 Saturday sale 11am-2pm***



## 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:***

Nina Gregosanc & family, 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 Grzynski, Kathy Grzynski, 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:**

Myroslava, Maria and Michelle. New mom — Daria,  
*If there is anyone who is in need of prayers, and you want to add them to the prayer corner, please notify Fr. Vasyl*

## Bible Study

Next Bible Study group meeting is  
Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 7:00 pm.  
Via Zoom. We are going to work on Psalms.  
Resources; Orthodox Study Bible.



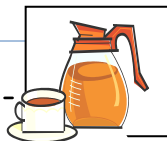
## Memorial Service



***Monthly memorial March 30***

***In memory of all of those who reposed in the Lord in the month of March***

## 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:

March 2— Nevels & Beck families

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

March 16 — *Nina Gregosanc in memory of husband Vince*

March 23 — *open*

### *Jr. & Sr. UOL Українська Православна Ліга*



The Chapter is going to host 3 Fish fries during the Great Lent. If you would like to volunteer, please put your name on the lists posted by the kitchen door. УПЛ буде мати 3 рибні вечери під час посту. Якщо ви бажаєте бути волонтером, прошу записатися на листку біля кухонних дверей.

### **Lenten Fish Fry**

**On Fridays from 5:00pm-7:00pm**

**March 7, March 21, April 4**



**Made to order fried cod fish or calamary or coconut shrimp**

**Served with Potato perogies or tatter tots and salad, bread, beverage and dessert**



### *Selfreliance Association*



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

Кожної Среди 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.