

The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



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Pray For Ukraine

Sunday of forgiveness

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The Sunday of Orthodoxy is the first Sunday of Great Lent. The dominant theme of this Sunday since 843 has been that of the victory of the icons. In that year the iconoclastic controversy, which had raged on and off since 726, was finally laid to rest, and icons and their veneration were restored on the first Sunday in Lent. Ever since, this Sunday has been commemorated as the "Triumph of Orthodoxy."



The Seventh Ecumenical Council dealt predominantly with the controversy regarding icons and their place in Orthodox worship. It was convened in Nicaea in 787 by Empress Irene at the request of Tarasios, Patriarch of Constantinople. The Council was attended by 367 bishops.

Almost a century before this, the iconoclastic controversy had once more shaken the foundations of both Church and State in the

Byzantine empire. Excessive religious respect and the ascribed miracles to icons by some members of society, approached the point of worship (due only to God) and idolatry. This instigated excesses at the other extreme by which icons were completely taken out of the liturgical life of the Church by the Iconoclasts. The Iconophiles, on the other-hand, believed that icons served to preserve the doctrinal teachings of the Church; they considered icons to be man's dynamic way of expressing the divine through art and beauty.

The Council decided on a doctrine by which icons should be venerated but not worshipped. In answering the Empress' invitation to the Council, Pope Hadrian replied with a letter in which he also held the position of extending veneration to icons but not worship, the last befitting only God.

The decree of the Council for restoring icons to churches added an important clause which still stands at the foundation of the rationale for using and venerating icons in the Orthodox Church to this very day: "We define that the holy icons, whether in colour, mosaic, or some other material, should be exhibited in the holy churches of God, on the sacred vessels and liturgical vestments, on the walls, furnishings, and in houses and along the roads, namely the icons of our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ, that of our Lady the Theotokos, those of the venerable angels and those of all saintly people. Whenever these representations are contemplated, they will cause those who look at them to commemorate and love their prototype. We define also that they should be kissed and that they are an object of veneration and honour (timitiki proskynisis), but not of real worship (latreia), which is reserved for Him Who is the subject of our faith and is proper for the divine nature. The veneration accorded to an icon is in effect transmitted to the prototype; he who venerates the icon, venerated in it the reality for which it stands".

Regional Synod was called in Constantinople in 843. Under Empress Theodora. The veneration of icons was solemnly proclaimed at the Hagia Sophia Cathedral. The Empress, her son Michael III, Patriarch Methodios, and monks and clergy came in procession and restored the icons in their rightful place. The day was called "Triumph of Orthodoxy." Since that time, this event is commemorated yearly with a special service on the first Sunday of Lent, the "Sunday of Orthodoxy".

Orthodox teaching about icons, as defined at the Seventh Ecumenical Council of 787, is embodied in the texts sung on this Sunday.

Liturgical Schedule

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| <p>Sunday March 9 8:45am Matins 9:30am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy <i>Procession with the Icons</i></p> | <p>1st Sunday of the Great Lent: Triumph of Orthodoxy. Tone 4 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>Wednesday March 12 6:00pm</p> | <p>Akathist to the Passions of Christ</p> |
| <p>Friday March 14 6:00pm</p> | <p>Akathist to the Mother of God. Sorokousti</p> |
| <p>Saturday March 15</p> | <p>Vespers at 5:00pm</p> |
| <p>Sunday March 16 8:45am Matins 9:30am Hours 10:00am Divine Liturgy <u>Forgiveness Service</u></p> | <p>Second Sunday of the Great Lent Tone 5 St. Gregory Palamas the Archbishop of Thessalonica. Synaxis of all Venerable Fathers of the Kyiv Caves. Martyr Sabinas of Hermopolis, Egypt (303). Martyr Pappas of Lycaonia (305). Apostle Aristobulus of the Seventy, bishop of Britain (1st c.). Hieromartyr Alexander, pope of Rome (119). Martyrs Trophimus and Thalys of Laodicea (300). Martyr Julian of Anazarbus (305). Matins (5): Lk. 24:12-35; Heb. 1:10-2:3; Mk. 2:1-12; To St.: Heb. 7:26 - 8:2; Jn. 10:9-16; To Venn.: Gal. 5:22 - 6:2; Lk. 6:17-23; Liturgy of St. Basil the Great</p> |
| <p>Wednesday March 19 6:00pm</p> | <p>Akathist to the Passions of Christ at 6:00pm Sorokousti</p> |



Recaps of Sunday March 2, 2025

This week in Ms. Faith's class we prepared for the beginning of Lent by learning about forgiveness on Forgiveness Sunday. The children participated in the prayer service at the end of liturgy and then proceeded to their Sunday School classes. We learned about Peter asking Jesus if he should forgive someone seven times and Jesus answering "not seven times but seventy times seven." We then worked together to decode a Bible verse in on our handouts, Colossians 3:13 "as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive." We discussed why it is important not only for us to forgive others, but to understand that the Lord Jesus Christ forgave all of us for our sins by dying on the cross.

In Christ's love, Ms. Faith

Intermediate class

Last week we discussed the significance of Forgiveness Sunday. At the start of Great Lent God wants us to focus on three very important things: *to forgive, to fast, and to do good.*

Throughout Lent the children will be keeping track of the good deeds they do and how well they are following the Fast. Parents will be asked to be involved with keeping their children focused and on track with this assignment. Most adults who observe the Fast during this period will avoid eating some or all meat, fish, dairy, eggs, and cheese for 40 days. For children this may look different. For example, we talked about giving up playing video games, turning off social media or TV. We discussed giving up certain types of foods/beverages at their age-such as pizza, French fries, chocolate or soft drinks. Fasting or giving up something we like to do even for a short period of time is not easy. Their groans on telling them what they will be expected to do over the next six weeks drove this point home. Our sacrifices our meant to bring us closer to God through prayer and self-control.

Helping others through the gift of service and doing good deeds is a lesson that goes well beyond the 40 days of Great Lent.

Blessings and strength to all as we begin our Lenten journey!

~Ms. Karen

Recap of Teen Class - March 2, 2025

Continuing with our study of "Beyond the Royal Doors" we addressed the importance of the Gospel Book and its presence on the Altar Table. Christ is always present on the altar table both as the Word of God in the Gospel Book and as the Bread of Life (Holy Communion) in the tabernacle. He gives us light to show us the way (Gospel Book) and also food to keep us alive and growing in Christ (Holy Communion).

In every Liturgy Father carries the Gospel Book out to the people (the Little Entrance), holds it high and says: "Wisdom Let us attend"!

We concluded that the four Gospels are part of the Holy Bible, which is God's love letter to us. In this part God tells us how much he loves us. The Bible is like a road map that gives us God's directions for life.

We also, began our discussion of what takes place at the Table of Preparation which is to the left and back of the Altar Table. Here is where Father prepares the bread and wine for the liturgy. We will continue with the sequence of this preparation including that of the bread (Lamb of God) in our next lesson along with what is the paten and the diptych.

In Christ's love, Ms. Pat

Announcements

Parish Council usually meets once a month on the second Sunday of the month. Next Council meeting will take place on Sunday April 13, 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 TODAY 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.

Sunday's Second Collection

Sunday's Second Special Collection is dedicated each month to a different cause:

Month of March to the victims of Californian wild fires.

Eternal Light

In memory of Olga Beck given by her children Tony Beck & Susan Ziegler



Seven Day Vigil Candles

- For the health of Patti Faye by John Batura
- For the health and God's blessings of Tina Palasti by PM Olenka
- For the health of Larry Pierog by Fr. Vasyl
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- In memory of Jeff Collins by Tom Gbur
- In memory of Anthony Kaczor by Michael Supilowski
- In memory of Tony Kovco by Michel Supilowski



50/50 Club

The winner for the month of February was the *Mary Wisniowski*
Next drawing will take place **on Sunday March 30, 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.

Updated Schedule:

March 17 Monday at 8:30am

March 18 Tuesday at 5:30pm

March 31 Monday at 8:30am

April 1 Tuesday at 5:30pm

April 6 Sunday make cheese balls

April 7 Monday make cheese perogies

April 10 Thursday sale 11am-6pm



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 12, 2025 at 7:00 pm.
Via Zoom. We are going to work on Psalms.
Resources; Orthodox Study Bible.



Memorial Service

Sunday March 9 In memory of my parents Peter and Helen Wolsko on the anniversary of their passing

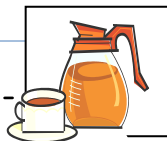
Requested by Pat Wolsko.

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

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

March 23 — *open*

March 30 — *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 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.