

The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



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“MESSAGE
 OF THE
 ECUMENI-
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 THE REPOSE
 OF POPE
 FRANCIS

In an atmos-
 phere of great

Paschal joy, this morning, Monday of Renewal Week, came the sorrowful news of the repose of Pope Francis, a precious brother in Christ, with whom from the very moment of his ascent to the papal throne, we had a fraternal friendship and collaboration for the good of our Churches, for their further rapprochement, and for the good of humanity.

Throughout these twelve years of his Papacy, he stood as a faithful friend, a fellow pilgrim and supporter of the Ecumenical

Patriarchate, a genuine friend of Orthodoxy, a true friend of the least of the Lord's brethren, on whose behalf he often spoke, acted, and even washed their feet in an example of true humility and brotherly love.

We shall always remember him.

When in 2014, just one year after his election and inauguration, upon my proposal and initiative, we went to Jerusalem and prayed on our knees side by side before the Lord's Tomb, and had meetings and discussions during those two or three days we spent together in the Holy Land; I said to him: 'Your Holiness, in a few years we shall mark the 1700th anniversary of the convocation of the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea of Bithynia. It would be a wonderful and symbolic act for us to go together, to celebrate this historic anniversary, and to speak about the further path of our sister Churches toward the common Chalice.'

He showed enthusiasm and said: 'It is a tremendous thought, a tremendous idea and proposal. If we are well, God willing, let us make this pilgrimage to Nicaea. If not—if the Lord does not permit it—then our successors.'

Indeed, he very much wished to come within the current year to celebrate this historic anniversary jointly, and he stated this many times in the media and to representatives of the Ecumenical Patriarchate who visited him from time to time in Rome.


As we say, it was not meant to be that he should come in person. If I myself am well, of course the Ecumenical Patriarchate will do something in this regard. It will not let this historic anniversary pass unnoticed. As for the Catholic Church, it will depend on the person, views, and intentions of the elected Pope—whether he will wish and when he will want to come with us to Nicaea (Iznik) and underline the importance of this great anniversary, a most significant event in the history of Christianity.

Today, as we gather at the Ecumenical Patriarchate with all the holy Hierarchs of the All Venerable Ecumenical Throne (that is, those serving in Türkiye) to exchange the fraternal greeting of the Risen Christ, we commemorate the beloved figure of the recently reposed Pope Francis and we all pray, 'with one mouth and one heart,' for the repose of his soul in the land of the living


and in the tents of the righteous. We pray that the Lord of life and death will reward him for his many labours for the Church and humanity and will raise upon the Throne of Saint Peter a worthy successor, one who will embrace and adopt the visions of Pope Francis and continue his valuable work for all humanity—especially for Christendom, and even more particularly for the rapprochement of our sister Churches, with the ultimate goal of their full encounter in the common Chalice.

May your memory be eternal, brother Pope Francis.”

+*Patriarch Bartholomew*



Liturgical Schedule



Sunday
April 27
8:15am Matins
9:00am Hours
9:30am Divine
Liturgy

Antipascha. 2nd Sunday of Pascha, of St. Thomas. Tone 1 Holy Apostle and Hieromartyr Symeon the Kinsman of the Lord (107). St. Eulogius the Hospitable [6th c.]. Ven. Stephen, abbot of the Kyiv Caves and bishop of Volodymyr in Volyna (1094).
Matins (1): Mt. 28:16-20;
Acts 5:12-20; Jn. 20:19-31;

Saturday
April 26
6:00pm

Vespers & confession

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

Third Sunday of Pascha, of the Myrrh-bearing Women. Tone 2 Sts. Myrrh-Bearing Women, Righteous Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. Virgin-martyr Pelagia of Tarsus in Asia Minor (287). Hieromartyr Erasmus, bishop of Formia in Campania (303). Hieromartyr Albian (Olbian), bishop of Anaea in Asia Minor (304). Hieromartyr Silvanus of Gaza (311).
Matins (3): Mk. 16:9-20; Acts 6:1-7; Mk. 15:43-16:8;



*Dear Miss Church Manners,
Christ is Risen! Why we don't kneel after Pascha?
From, Neil Orstand*

Dear Stan Ding, He is Risen Indeed!

For such a short question you are about to get a rather lengthy response. Typically, we stand during Divine Liturgy and other services in the Orthodox Church because, simply put, this is what our predecessors did. They (and we) maintain the tradition of standing set forth in Scripture and practiced by the early Church. Standing represents the angels standing before God with humility and the reverence due to Him (Daniel 7:10; I Kings 22:19; Isaiah 6:2).

Matter-of-fact, there are Orthodox churches and cathedrals here in the states and most notably in Eastern Europe, where you won't find any pews at all! They may have chairs scattered along the walls for the elderly, individuals on crutches, ill or for pregnant and nursing mothers.

To answer your question, we consider kneeling penitential, a state of being in repentance or sorrowful. Because of this we do not kneel during the Paschal season (Pascha to Pentecost). This is a time to be filled with joy and hope, as we celebrate and honor the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Did you know that the Church Canons also prohibit kneeling on Sundays for the same reason? "HOLD ON!", you may ask—"If we are not supposed to kneel on Sundays—why do we?" Yes, there are times when kneeling is a pious practice in the Liturgy, the most notable being at the Consecration of the Holy Gifts. Please know that no one would fault someone if they were to stand or kneel at the wrong time. We are not to judge their actions or reasons.

Because worship is all about God, we should make every effort to stand as long as we are able to. If you do need to sit during the Divine Liturgy, remember to stand at these times:

At the beginning when the priest gives the blessing

During the Little and Great Entrances, Gospel reading and

Anaphora (the Eucharistic Prayer): “Let us stand aright! Let us stand with fear! Let us attend! That we may offer the Holy Oblation in peace.”

Whenever the priest uses the censer
While the congregation receives Holy Communion
At the final blessing and Dismissal

Whether standing or kneeling know that you are indeed blessed during this Paschal season!

Miss Church Manners (a.k.a. Miss Etta Kitt)

Sources: www.orthodoxinfo.com/praxis/kneeling.aspx;
www.xcthesavior.org; www.saintjohnchurch.org

Announcements

Parish Council usually meets once a month on the second Sunday of the month. The next Council meeting will take place today *Sunday May 18, 2025*.

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

Sunday's Second Collection

Sunday's Second Special Collection is dedicated each month to a different cause: Month of April and May are dedicated to Parish Scholarship Fund.

2025 Scholarship Applications

Application forms for a graduating high school senior who is a member of our church and is planning to further their education at a community college, university or trade school are available from Pat Wolsko. They must be completed and returned by Sunday, April 27. The recipients of this church sponsored scholarship will be announced at the end of May.

Seven Day Vigil Candles

- For the health and God's blessings for Larry Pierog by Gbur & Lang Families
- For the health and God's blessings for Jean Lang by Gbur & Lang Families
- For the health and God's blessings for John & Gina Gbur by Gbur & Lang Families
- For the health and quick recovery after the surgery of John Batura by PM Olenka
- For the health of Tina Palasti by Fr. Vasył
- For the health of Patti Faye by John Batura
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- In memory of my husband Antony Zerebny
by Maria Zerebna
- In memory of the reposed in the Lord my family members from Stefurak, Janiv, Matviiv, Bahriy, Prokopovich, Marteklqs, Mushchushin, Natalie & Teresa by Maria Zerebna
- For the repose of the soul of my Godmother, Vera Dychkewich, who stepped into eternity during Bright Week. May her memory be as eternal and beautiful as the icons she written
~Karen Larson



50/50 Club

The winner for the month of March was Faith Neswick
Next drawing will take place **on Sunday April 27, 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

God bless our volunteers!

Have a Blessed Easter— Resurrection of our Lord and God Jesus Christ!

Work Schedule:

Tuesday April 29 at 5:30pm — make stuffed cabbage

Wednesday April 30 at 8:30am — pack stuffed cabbage

Thursday May 1— sale



Prayer Corner for the Month of April



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:

Kristyna, Myroslava, Maria and Michelle.

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 will take place on Tuesday, May 6 at 7:00 pm.

Via Zoom. We are going to work on family tree of Jesus Christ and Psalms.

Resources; Orthodox Study Bible.

If you are interested in joining the study, please see Fr. Vasyl



Memorial Service



April 27— In memory of all of those who reposed in the Lord in the month of April.

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:

April 27— Jr. UOL Brunch

May 4 — Lamb & Chicken Roast

May 11— Mother's Day Brunch men are cooking

May 18- Nina Gregosanc in memory of husband Vince

May 25 — open

June 1— open

Lamb and Chicken Roast

Annual Lamb & Chicken Roast Dinner

Sunday May 4 served after the Divine Liturgy

Donation: Adults—\$25.00

Students—\$15.00

Children under 10 years old—free

Volunteers are needed to set and and clean after the event.

To sign up check the sign up sheets by the kitchen door.



Selfreliance Association



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

Кожної Середи 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.