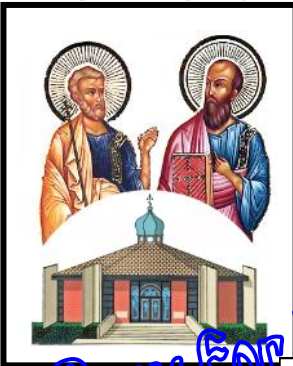


The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



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Pray for Ukraine

Statement of Bishops on war

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On the solemn commemoration of the fourth anniversary of the unjustified and unprovoked full-

scale invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation, the Council of Bishops of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA raises its collective voice before God and the world.

As shepherds of Christ's Holy Church, we stand in prayerful intercession before Almighty God, imploring His mercy, protection, and peace for the people of Ukraine; for those who courageously defend the God-given right to life, freedom, dignity, and sovereignty; and for all who continue to suffer because of this brutal and ongoing war.

The people of Ukraine defend not only their territorial integrity, but their sacred inheritance - the freedom to worship and glorify God, to speak their native lan-

guage, to cherish their ancestral land, and to live according to the principles of freedom, responsibility, and democracy. These God-given rights are being violently challenged and systematically violated by the aggression of the Russian Federation.

Even during the sacred season of the Nativity of our Lord - when the world proclaims peace on earth and goodwill among all - millions in Ukraine were left in darkness and cold, without heat, electricity, or basic necessities. Children have been orphaned, women widowed, families displaced, cities destroyed, and countless innocent lives lost. Human suffering has reached unspeakable depths.

We cannot - and must not - remain silent!

The sanctity of human life stands at the very heart of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The deliberate killing, torture, and displacement of innocent people is a grave sin before God and a crime against humanity. True peace cannot be built upon lies, coercion, or injustice. It cannot be achieved by demanding that Ukraine surrender Crimea, its eastern regions, or any part of its God-given homeland in exchange for an illusory ceasefire. Peace without truth, repentance, and responsibility is not peace at all.

We therefore continue to unequivocally condemn the actions of the Russian Federation against the people and nation of Ukraine and call upon the international community to remain steadfast in defending truth, justice, and life.

At the same time, we offer heartfelt gratitude to the people of the United States of America. Through compassion, generosity, and unwavering moral support, the American people - of many backgrounds, nationalities, and religious traditions - have extended invaluable assistance to the suffering people of Ukraine. Through the humanitarian ministry of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA - whether through the Metropolia offices or through individual parishes - we have witnessed countless acts of sacrificial love: food delivered, medical aid provided, refugees welcomed, children sheltered, and hope restored.

We bow our heads in gratitude and lift up our prayers to God for all who have stood with Ukraine. May the Lord bless you abundantly for your love, your courage, and your faithfulness to the Gospel commandment to care for "the least of these."

We also issue a strong and urgent call to Orthodox Christian communities throughout the world. This is a moment of moral clarity. Silence in the face of evil is not neutrality - it is complicity. We



Liturgical Schedule



<p>Sunday February 15 8:45am Matins <u>9:30am Hours</u> <u>10:00am</u> Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>Meatfare Sunday, of the Last Judgment. Tone 3. Apostle Onesimus of the Seventy (109). Ven. Paphnutius, monk, and his daughter St. Euphrosyne, nun, of Alexandria (5th c.). Ven. Eusebius, hermit of Syria (440). Ven. Paphnutius, recluse of the Kyiv Caves (13th c). Matins (3): Mk. 16:9-20; 1 Cor. 8:8–9:2; Mt. 25:31-46</p>
<p>Sunday February 22 8:15am Matins 9:00am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>Cheesefare Sunday, of Forgiveness. Tone 4 Expulsion of Adam from the Paradise. Uncovering of the relics of the Holy Martyrs at the gate of Eugenius at Constantino-ple (395-423). Sts. Thalassius, Limnaeus, and Baradates, hermits of Syria (5th c.). St. Athanasius the Confessor of Constantinople (826). Matins (4): Lk. 24:1-12; Rom. 13:11–14:4; Mt. 6:14-21; <i>The Last day before the Great Lent</i></p>
<p>Monday February 23</p>	<p>Canon of St. Andrew with prostrations at 6:00pm</p>
<p>Wednesday February 25</p>	<p>Akathist to the Passions of Christ at 6:00pm</p>
<p>Friday February 27</p>	<p>Akathist to the Mother of God at 6:00pm Sorokousti</p>
<p>Saturday February 28 1:00pm</p>	<p>Moleben for Peace in Ukraine at 1:00pm</p>
<p>Sunday March 1 8:15am Matins 9:00am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>1st Sunday of the Great Lent: Triumph of Orthodoxy. Tone 5 Martyr Eudocia of Heliopolis (152). Martyrs Nestor, Tribimius, Marcellus, and Anthony (3rd c.). Mat- ins Gospel (5): Lk. 24:12-35; Heb. 11:24-26, 32–12:2; Jn. 1:43-51; Liturgy of St. Basil the Great</p>

call upon Orthodox faithful, clergy, theologians, and hierarchs everywhere to stand firmly for the sanctity of human life, to speak the truth without fear, and to condemn aggression, genocide, and the misuse of religion to justify violence.

We further call upon religious leaders within the Russian Federation to come to their senses and to courageously denounce this war, the murders, and the destruction being carried out in the name of state power. In particular, we denounce the position of the Patriarchate of Moscow, which has chosen allegiance to political authority over fidelity to the Gospel of Christ, thereby scandalizing the faithful and betraying the sacred calling of the Church.

We pray and labor for peace - but peace rooted in truth, justice, repentance, and respect for the God-given dignity and sovereignty of the Ukrainian people.

May the Lord, Who Himself was born into poverty, persecution, and exile, grant comfort to the afflicted, strength to the defenders of life, wisdom to the leaders of nations, and a just and lasting peace to Ukraine and to the world.

With prayers, gratitude, and unwavering witness,

† **Metropolitan Antony**

† **Archbishop Daniel**

Sunday's Second Collection

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

Month of February is dedicated for Parish Scholarship Fund.

Parish Council

Parish Council monthly meeting is today
Sunday February 15, 2026 after the Coffee hour.

Parish Annual Meeting is Sunday March 8, 2026 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 1, 2026**.

Treasurers of parish Organizations are asked to submit their books for audit by **ASAP!**

Sunday School Corner

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECAP FOR February 8: Sunday School Recap for Feb. 8th:

We had a combined class...teens and intermediate kids. We are continuing with our Fruits of the Holy Spirit lessons.



Both Olha and Isabella had lemons which represented LOVE 🍋

🍋 Olha said that regarding love, it is a concern for others and seeking good for all people. Also helping others is important. Isabella shared how her and her friends showed concern for others by helping a friend's sister who has autism. The sister had a breakdown in the hallway at school so she and her friends tried to comfort her. Several boys came up to them and started making fun and teasing her. Isabella and her friend surrounded the younger sister to protect her. As a result of their loving concern the girl calmed down and the boys learned a hard lesson in the principle's office. We also learned about St. Valentine, who was a Roman priest and doctor. He was sent to jail and persecuted for his beliefs and for performing weddings during a time when new marriages were outlawed. He remained loyal to his moral commitment and beliefs as a Christian priest. While in jail he befriended and cured the blindness of his jailer's daughter. Before he was executed, he sent a letter to the child and signed it "from your Valentine". Saint Valentine's Day is most fully understood as a celebration of God's love *and romantic*

love. ❤️ ❤️ *We ended class with a heart craft for the kids to take home.*

Love and Blessings, Ms. Karen and Ms. Debbie

Sisterhood of St. Anne

Sisterhood of St. Anne We are always happy to see more volunteers. If you can give us an hour or two we would greatly appreciate.

We are schedules to work:

Monday February 16 —8:30am

Wednesday February 18 —5:30pm

Sunday March 1 —make cheese balls

Monday March 2 —8:00am

Tuesday March 3 —8:00am and 5:30pm

Wednesday March 4 —8:00am and 5:30pm

Thursday March 5 —Perogie sale 11:00am—3:00pm



Seven Day Vigil Candles

For the health and God's blessings of Patti Faye
by John Batura



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- In loving memory of my mother, Gloria Kuzemka, on the 16th anniversary of her, stepping into eternity.
- ~By Karen Larson
- In memory of Elena Batura by John Batura

Sr. UOL Fish Fry

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. УПЛІ буде мати 3 рибні вечері 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
February 20
March 6
April 4



Made to order fried cod fish or calamari or coconut shrimp

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

50/50 Club

The winner for the month of January was Bob Lewandowski

Next drawing will take place **on Sunday February 22, 2026**
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:

Nina Gregosanc & family, Larry Pierog, Mark, Judy Broud, Mary Wisniowski, Mary Pirtle, Bob Lewandowski, Andy, Bohdan, Ralph Palm, David, Irine, Zoriana, Lev, Alla Grzynski, Nicole, John & Patti, Barbara Patronik, Barbara Bruce, 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: Petro Drapala, Yaroslav, Pavlo, Slavko, Mikola, Victor, Taras, Yuriy, Stepan, Mykola, medic Stella, Oleg, Yuriy, Dmitro, Bohdan, Roman, Mykola, Kostia, missing in action Vitaliy.

Pray for Our expecting mothers:

Nataliia, Tetiana, Anna & Maria
New moms Krystyna, Pavai, Myroslava, Nataliia, Maria, 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
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.
Fr. Vasyl*

Memorial Service



February 22 — In memory of all of those who have stepped into eternity in the month of February.

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 sign up the schedule is on the door of the church hall kitchen.

February 15 — Lorraine, Janet, Pat and Carol

February 22—Sr. UOL Cheese Fare Sunday Brunch

March 1— Donna & Jim Nevels

March 8 — *Sisterhood of St. Ann Annual Meeting*

March 15—open

March 22—Larson & Pierog Families

March 29—open

Mark your calendars



Sr. UOL Cheese Fare Sunday
Sunday February 22 served after
the Divine Liturgy.

*All you can eat Crapes, pancakes
and more!!!*



Free ESL Classes/Класи Англійської мови



ESL classes every Wednesday evening, in the Church Hall. Adults wishing to improve their English are welcome to join us at 5:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please see Pat Wolsko or Athena Gordan.

Безкоштовні заняття КЛАСИ ESL Кожної Середи
о 5:30 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.