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**WELCOME All!** Welcome to the God-Loving and God-Protected Parish of Saints Peter and Paul! A Parish of the UOC of the USA and the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Our warmest greetings are extended to all visitors and guests, and to all of our beloved parishioners who are participating in today's Divine Liturgy. We are blessed to have you with us today! If you are with us for the first time, PLEASE introduce yourself to Father Yurii – he is looking forward to meeting you! Also, please feel free to email or call Father Yurii with any questions and let him know what is going on in your life, especially if you need spiritual guidance. We hope that you will find peace and comfort in Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church. You are very welcome to come every Sunday and on feast days, make yourself at home, and to become a part of our parish family. ]. Through your prayers and dedication of time, talents, and donations, this can become a reality in all faith and love.

## DECEMBER 5, 2021

### SUNDAY

**December 5, 2021**

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> Tone 7

Apostle Philip (of 12) Emperor Justinian & his wife Teodora. Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Eph 2:14-22, Gospel Reading: Luke 17:12-19

**Confession – 9:15, Hours-9:45**

**Divine Liturgy –10:00**

### Monday

**December 6, 2021**

**Saint Nicholas Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra**, Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Heb 13:17-21; Gospel Reading: Luke 6 17-23

**Divine Liturgy 9:30**

### SUNDAY

**December 12, 2021**

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Tone 8

Spyridon the Wonderworker of Trymithous. Epistle Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Heb 13:17-21, Gospel Reading: Luke 6:17-23

**Confession – 9:15, Hours-9:45**

**Divine Liturgy –10:00**

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# SAINTS PETER AND PAUL UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX PARISH

DO NOT EVER PAY ATTENTION TO ANYTHING EARTHLY AND UNSTABLE.  
STRIVE FOR THE UNION OF YOUR SOUL WITH GOD.

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## GOSPEL AND EPISTLE READING

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians 5:22-26; 6:1-2**

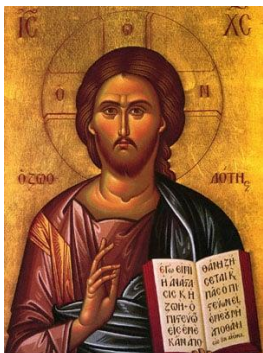


Brethren, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit. Let us have no self-conceit, no provoking of one another, no envy of one another. Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Look to yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Denny Zymboly, Ruth Dally, Alex Shott, Philip, Eric, Greg, Carl, Kayden, Rose, Dorothy Cygan, Helen, Fr. William, pani Sonia, Fr. Vasyl, Mary-Ann, Mary-Ann, Payton, Anthony, Tina, Mykola, Stella, Maksymko, Fr. Yurii, Maria, Fr. Jakiw, Fr. George, Volodymyr, Alexandr, Vincent, all the doctors and nurses and everyone who was infected by COVID-19.

## The Gospel According to Luke 13:10-17



At that time, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. And there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years; she was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your infirmity." And he laid his hands upon her, and immediately she was made straight, and she praised God. But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to water it? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" As he said this, all his adversaries were put to shame; and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

### PARISH NEWS AND UPDATES

#### **December 5 - Saint Nicholas Program**

**December 12** – We are going to have coffee hour and Ethan's Birthday Party which is going to be prepared by Fr. Yurii and pani Olha Bobko!

#### **December 13 - Executive Board Meeting.**

#### **December 17 – Pirohi Sale!**

#### **December 19** - Potluck, please bring a dish of food to be shared with others!

It is with a profound sense of our own loss - yet in the inextinguishable light of peace and mercy that is the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ - that we inform the faithful of our Holy Metropolia of the passing from this life of the servant of God Pani Matka Lillian HNATKO, wife of Protopresbyter George Hnatko (pastor-emeritus of St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Orthodox Parish in Dixonville, PA and Holy Ascension Ukrainian Orthodox Parish in Nanty Glo, PA)

**Tuesday - December 7, 2021 - 5-8PM - Memorial Visitations at St. John the Baptist UOC Parish in Dixonville, PA**

**Tuesday - December 7, 2021 - 7PM - Parastas - St. John the Baptist UOC Parish in Dixonville, PA**

**Wednesday - December 8, 2021** - 10AM - Funeral - St. John the Baptist UOC Parish in Dixonville, PA, followed by Internment and Memorial Agape Meal.

Please, remember that we have entered the Nativity Fast on **November 15<sup>th</sup>**! We encourage everyone to come for Holy Confession by Sunday, **December 19<sup>th</sup>** and to also engage ourselves in the other ways we have been given by our Holy Church to help us make this time one of spiritual and physical preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

We announce that our Parish Church School Saint Nicholas Day Program will be on Sunday, **December 5<sup>th</sup>** following Divine Liturgy. Come and to join us as the teachers and students of our Church School present a wonderful program!

We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who came up to help with our Bake Sale last week! May the Lord our God richly bless everyone for the efforts and hard work in helping the continued life of the Parish in this way!

We would like to invite and encourage everyone to come out to help with the next Parish Pirohi Sale on **December 17<sup>th</sup>**! Please, come and help as we work together once again for the good of our Parish in this special way.

We encourage everyone to continue to give generously to our Capital Improvement Fund as we continue to work on different projects of maintaining and updating our Parish buildings.

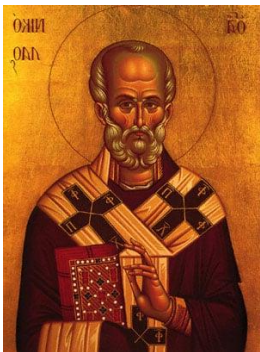
Holy Confession is available before Liturgy and Great Vespers! For Baptisms, Weddings, Memorial Litiya, or any other services, please arrange with Father Yurii! Pastoral Visitations of the Sick and Infirm: Please inform Father Yurii if you or your family members are going into the hospital for any reason or if they would like to receive Spiritual guidance!

For more information regarding our Church life, please visit the official website of our Holy Ukrainian Orthodox Church- <https://uocofusa.org/>

## PARISH CELEBRATION

From the bottom of Ss. Peter and Paul parish family heart we wish **Ethan Bobko (December 8)**, Happy Birthday! May God's awesome blessings be upon you this day and for the Future years ahead for many happy and blessed years!

## Nicholas the Wonderworker, Archbishop of Myra



This Saint lived during the reign of Saint Constantine the Great, and reposed in 330, as a young man, he desired to espouse the solitary life. He made a pilgrimage to the holy city Jerusalem, where he found a place to withdraw to devote himself to prayer. It was made known to him, however, that this was not the will of God for him, but that he should return to his homeland to be a cause of salvation for many. He returned to Myra, and was ordained bishop. He became known for his abundant mercy, providing for the poor and needy, and delivering those who had been unjustly accused. No less was he known for his zeal for the truth. He was present at the First Ecumenical Council of the 318 Fathers at Nicaea in 325; upon hearing the blasphemies that Arius brazenly uttered against the Son of God, Saint Nicholas struck him on the face. Since the canons of the Church forbid the clergy to strike any man at all, his fellow bishops were in perplexity what disciplinary action was to be taken against this hierarch whom all revered. In the night our Lord Jesus Christ and our Lady Theotokos appeared to certain of the bishops, informing them that no action was to be taken against him, since he had acted not out of passion, but extreme love and piety. The Dismissal Hymn for holy hierarchs, The truth of things hath revealed thee to thy flock ... was written originally for Saint Nicholas. He is the patron of all travellers, and of sea-farers in particular; he is one of the best known and best loved Saints of all time.

### Tropar of Nicholas the Wonderworker, Fourth Tone

A model of faith and the image of gentleness, the example of your life has shown you forth to your sheep-fold to be a master of temperance. You obtained thus through being lowly, gifts from on high, and riches through poverty. Nicholas, our father and priest of priests, intercede with Christ our God that He may save our souls.

### Kontakion of Nicholas the Wonderworker, Third Tone

Saintly One, (St. Nicholas) in Myra you proved yourself a priest; for in fulfilling the Gospel of Christ, venerable One, you laid down your life for your people and saved the innocent from death. For this you were sanctified as One learned in divine grace.

## Spyridon the Wonderworker of Trymithous



Spyridon, the God-bearing Father of the Church, the great defender of Corfu and the boast of all the Orthodox, had Cyprus as his homeland. He was simple in manner and humble of heart, and was a shepherd of sheep. When he was joined to a wife, he begat of her a daughter whom they named Irene. After his wife's departure from this life, he was appointed Bishop of Trimythus, and thus he became also a shepherd of rational sheep. When the First Ecumenical Council was assembled in Nicaea, he also was present, and by means of his most simple words stopped the mouths of the Arians who were wise in their own conceit. By the divine grace which dwelt in him, he wrought such great wonders that he received the surname "Wonderworker." So it is that, having tended his flock piously and in a manner pleasing to God, he reposed in the Lord about the year 350, leaving to his country his sacred relics as a consolation and source of healing for the faithful.

About the middle of the seventh century, because of the incursions made by the barbarians at that time, his sacred relics were taken to Constantinople, where they remained, being honoured by the emperors themselves. But before the fall of Constantinople, which took place on May 29, 1453, a certain priest named George Kalokhairetes, the parish priest of the church where the Saint's sacred relics, as well as those of Saint Theodora the Empress, were kept, took them away on account of the impending peril. Travelling by way of Serbia, he came as far as Arta in Epirus, a region in Western Greece opposite to the isle of Corfu. From there, while the misfortunes of the Christian people were increasing with every day, he passed over to Corfu about the year 1460. The relics of Saint Theodora were given to the people of Corfu; but those of Saint Spyridon remain to this day, according to the rights of inheritance, the most precious treasure of the priest's own descendants, and they continue to be a staff for the faithful in Orthodoxy, and a supernatural wonder for those that behold him; for even after the passage of 1,500 years, they have remained incorrupt, and even the flexibility of his flesh has been preserved. Truly wondrous is God in His Saints! (Ps. 67:3 5)

### **Tropar of Spyridon the Wonderworker, First Tone**

O Father, God-bearer, Spyridon, you were proven a champion and Wonder Worker of the First Ecumenical Council. You spoke to the girl in the grave and turned the serpent to gold. And, when chanting your prayers, most sacred One, angels ministered with you. Glory to Him who glorified you; glory to Him who crowned you; glory to Him who, through you, works healing for all.

### **Kontakion of Spyridon the Wonderworker, Second Tone**

Wounded by your love for Christ, O holy One, your mind given wings by the radiance of the Spirit, you put the practice of theory into deeds, becoming a sacred altar, O Chosen by God, and praying for the divine illumination of all.

**PERMANENT CONFERENCE OF UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX BISHOPS  
BEYOND THE BORDERS OF UKRAINE**

*To the Venerable and Christ-loving clergy and laity of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Europe, South America, the United States of America and in Ukraine*

May the Grace of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ, the Love of God the Father and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

*Dear and beloved brothers and sisters in the Lord!*

**CHRIST IS AMONGST US! IS AND ALWAYS SHALL BE!**

Once again, the ecclesiastical calendar of our Holy Orthodox Church brings us to the spiritual journey of St. Philip's Fast, a time for all Christians to prepare for the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Throughout this fast period – known by some as Advent – we and our parish communities prepare for the celebration of the glorious Feast of the Nativity of our Lord. Sadly, for the second year, our preparation takes place as we battle the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, which confronts us and threatens us. We extend our sincere gratitude to priests, lay leaders of our parishes and parishioners who have been and will continue to ensure that our churches will be as safe as possible for people to confidently assemble for liturgical worship.

Beloved in the Lord, during this spiritual journey, we are to seek the ways in which we can place our lives into the context of the events of Bethlehem, knowing that in Christ our Savior we are claimed as God's own forever. The whole of this St. Philip's Fast and the salvation story is premised on the birth of the Child, the Incarnation – God taking on our human form out of the purest of love for us – thus offering to us hope for new life, true life with Christ our Lord at its center. It is a life that we know for not just a single Holy Day, but forever unto eternity. Our homes must be converted into “home Churches” – icon corners - around which we can gather for family prayer, beseeching of our Lord, that He will always abide in us and that we will always abide in Him. “The family that prays together stays together.”

The hope of St. Philip's Fast and the joy of Nativity season inspire us, as families, to set aside the computers, cell phones, video games social media and the like, to reach out to those in greatest need all around us, bringing the Hope and Joy of His birth to people who are sick, isolated, lonely or poor. A simple act of kindness can actually save their lives. Charities in all our communities, will welcome much needed volunteers and contributions of our time, talents and treasure, especially now as they face great difficulty in raising their operating funds with much difficulty during the pandemic. We can assure you with certainty that your family will experience the Nativity Holy Days in an incredibly intense and rewarding way if you choose to commit yourselves to a specific Lenten outreach plan – together in the Christ Child's Name.

In your prayers this sacred season please remember those whose livelihoods have been seriously threatened by the pandemic. We think especially of people coping with bereavement at the loss of loved ones to the virus, families that cannot be together and those in care homes who can only have limited or no visits from their loved ones. We think also of those who cannot travel home for Christmas this year. As we contemplate the pandemic, we have identified greater opportunities for prayer and reflection, which may in turn inspire us to act with love during the Holy Days. To act with love – what better way could there possibly be for us to glorify the Son of

God, the Christ Child, Who reveals to us – His Creation – what true LOVE is in terms of sacrifice for the good of one another. In that Love we continue to pray for all affected by this ongoing pandemic, in Love we continue to appeal to those who doubt God’s ability to heal us, encouraging them to accept that healing. The Christ Child, Whose Nativity we prepare to celebrate, grew into the Savior of us all and offered Himself as the ultimate sacrifice of LOVE for our salvation.

*With Archpastoral blessing to you and your loved ones this St. Philip’s Fast and into the New Year,*

+ **ANTONY** – *Metropolitan*

*Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, South America and Diaspora*

+ **JEREMIAH** – *Archbishop*

*Ukrainian Orthodox Eparchy of South America*

+ **DANIEL** – *Archbishop*

*Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Diaspora*

+ **ILARION** – *Bishop*

*Locum Tenens of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada*

+ **ANDRIY** – *Bishop*

*Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada*

We’re glad you are here to worship Almighty God with us. We are a parish of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, a canonical Orthodox church under the authority of the Ecumenical Patriarch. As Orthodox Christians, we believe in one God in Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We also believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God made man, was born of the Virgin Mary and suffered, died and rose from the dead so that we may have eternal life. Our Orthodox Faith is the universal living continuation of the Apostolic Church that was founded by Christ Himself. We seek to share the Good News of our faith and invite everyone to come and see and