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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.

FEBRUARY 1 2026

Sunday, February 1
**Meeting of XC in the Temple
Publican & Pharisee**
Epistle Reading: Heb 7:7-17
Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-40
Divine Liturgy - 9:30

Sunday, February 8
PRODIGAL SON
Epistle Reading: 1 Cor 6:12-20
Gospel Reading: Luke 15:11-32
Divine Liturgy - 9:30

Sunday, February 15
MEATFARE
Epistle Reading: 1 Cor 8:8-9:2
Gospel Reading: Matt 25:31-46
Divine Liturgy - 9:30

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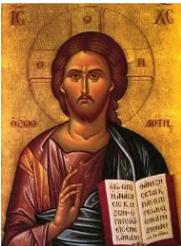
GOSPEL AND EPISTLE READING

St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 7:7-17



BRETHREN, it is beyond dispute that the inferior is blessed by the superior. Here tithes are received by mortal men; there, by one whom it is testified that he lives. One might even say that Levi himself, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, for he was still in the loins of his ancestor when Melchizedek met him. Now if perfection had been attainable through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people received the law), what further need would there have been for another priest to arise after the order of Melchizedek, rather than one named after the order of Aaron? For when there is a change in the priesthood, there is necessarily a change in the law as well. For the one of whom these things are spoken belonged to another tribe, from which no one has ever served at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, and in connection with that tribe Moses said nothing about priests. This becomes even more evident when another priest arises in the likeness of Melchizedek, who has become a priest, not according to a legal requirement concerning bodily descent but by the power of an indestructible life. For it is witnessed of him, "Thou art a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek."

The Gospel According to Luke 2:22-40



At that time, the parents brought the child Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtle doves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Symeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

"Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; and Symeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the

tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with

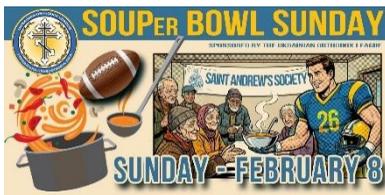
REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All the citizens and residents of Ukraine, John, Tim Roxbury, Lovie Tymkiv, Patricia Prokopchak, Patricia Hnatko, Sherry, Rhea Jean Roxbury, Stanley, pani Lilia, Debbie, Wesly, Cindy, Christine, Denny Zymboly, Ruth Dally, Philip, Eric, Carl, Kayden, Rose, Dorothy Cygan, Helen, Fr. Vasyl, Mary-Ann, Payton, Anthony, Tina, Mykola, Stella, Maksymko, Fr. Yurii, Maria, Fr. George, Volodymyr, Alexandr, Vincent, John, Frank,

PARISH NEWS AND UPDATES

February 15 – 40 days memorial for Maria Corbin, Halyna Dankiv.
Coffee hour, organized by Maria Corbin Family.

Super Bowl Sunday Potluck & Fundraiser



Join us on Sunday, February 8th, after Divine Liturgy for a special Potluck Super Bowl Sunday Fundraising Event! This gathering will benefit St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Society, supporting their vital work with the soup kitchen in Ukraine, which provides meals for those in need. Bring your favorite soup to share and enjoy an afternoon

of fellowship and giving back. Let's come together to make a difference for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

Camping Ministry Sunday – This Sunday

This Sunday we observe **Camping Ministry Sunday**, celebrating the ministry and mission of All Saints Camp and the Office of Youth Ministry. A special sermon prepared by our Hierarchs will be shared, highlighting the spiritual impact of camp life on our youth and families. Parishioners are invited to learn more about this important ministry and to support the ongoing work of Orthodox

Christian camping. Additional information and resources are available through the Office of Youth Ministry.

Pirohi Sale

A heartfelt thank you to all who helped with our last Pirohi Sale! Your hard work and dedication made it a great success, and we couldn't have done it without the effort from our volunteers. **We wish to announce that February 13th, we are going to have our next Pirohi Sale!** We look forward to seeing everyone back in the kitchen as we continue this beloved tradition!

Since the establishment of our new Ss Peter and Paul Christian fellowship, we have achieved much together. From organizing events to aiding those in need, and simply coming together as one family, our efforts have been a testament to our commitment to serving others and glorifying God. We extend a warm invitation to all to become involved in our organization and contribute to our shared mission of serving our neighbors for the greater glory of God.

Dear brothers and sisters, we are still gathering the contribution for help in Ukraine. If you would like to send your contribution, you could send the check to our parish of Ss. Peter and Paul and made it Payable to the Ss. Peter and Paul UOCOFUSA. Please, write on the check "Help Ukraine". Thank you all so much for your support and help! 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.

PARISH CELEBRATION

From the bottom of Ss. Peter and Paul parish family heart we wish **Amil Lesney (Feb 9th)**, **Fr. Yuri Bobko (Feb 18th)**, **Frank Hawryliak (Feb 23rd)**, **Mark Rudolf (Feb 24th)** Happy Birthday! May God's awesome blessings be upon you this day and for the Future years ahead for many happy and blessed years!

Happy Anniversary to **Jenny and Larry Wolensky (Feb 18th)**. May God's awesome blessings be upon you this day and for the Future years ahead for many happy and blessed years!

Birthday and Name Day Greeting on the Feast of Saint Anthony the Great



Your Eminence Metropolitan Antony: CHRIST IS AMONG US!

With profound respect, filial love, and heartfelt gratitude to Almighty God, I extend to Your Eminence warmest greetings on the blessed occasion of your birthday and your name day, celebrated on the feast of

our venerable Father Saint Anthony the Great.

On this sacred day, the Holy Church commemorates Saint Anthony as a true shepherd of souls - a man of prayer, ascetic struggle, spiritual discernment, and unwavering fidelity to Christ. His life stands as a timeless witness that authentic leadership in the Church is born not of authority alone, but of humility, sacrifice, and complete surrender to the will of God. In his spiritual legacy, we behold the image of the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for the flock entrusted to him.

In this same spirit, Your Eminence continues to serve as a true Shepherd of Christ's Holy Flock - guiding, protecting, and nurturing the faithful with pastoral wisdom, fatherly compassion, and steadfast faith. Through your prayerful leadership, you shepherd not only the visible structure of the Church, but also the hearts and souls of those entrusted to your care, leading them toward repentance, hope, and the saving truth of the Gospel.

As you mark another year of life and ministry, we give thanks to God for your faithful witness, spiritual endurance, and tireless dedication to the Church of Christ. May the example and intercession of Saint Anthony the Great strengthen you in body and soul, grant you many blessed years, and inspire you to continue your archpastoral ministry with renewed zeal, peace, and joy in the Lord.

This greeting is offered with love and prayer on behalf of the members of the Council of the Metropolia, the clergy, seminarians, and faithful of our Holy Church, who hold you in deep respect and constant prayer.

May the Lord grant Your Eminence health, wisdom, and strength, and may He continue to bless your ministry for the glory of His Holy Name and the salvation of His people.

With prayers and gratitude,

Archbishop Daniel

Sermon for use on Camping Ministry Sunday



Beloved in Christ, We gather here each Sunday and all feast days where our hearts are lifted up by the promise we receive in St Matthew’s gospel “For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.” Although we receive spiritual nourishment

through His words and His body and blood offered to us for the forgiveness of our sins, it is essential that we take these gifts outside the church building and into the world beyond.

St John Chrysostom encourages us to “Make your home a church, since you are accountable for the salvation of your wife and children.” He does not say, “Make it perfect,” or “Make it prosperous,” but make it a place where Christ is present. If where two or three are gathered together in Christ’s name, there is Christ; how much more where husband, wife, and children are united in prayer.

The world tells us that families are held together by shared interests, by finances, or by emotions. But the Fathers of the Church tell us something far deeper: families are held together by prayer. When a family prays together, something sacred happens. The father learns to lead not by command, but by humility. The mother reflects the prayerful watchfulness of the Church. The children learn, not only how to speak to God, but how to listen.

Prayer does not remove all conflict—but it transforms conflict. It teaches forgiveness before sleep, repentance before pride, and love before anger. As St Basil teaches, common prayer preserves harmony because it brings every heart back into right order.

When our Lord walked the earth, He did not build institutions before He formed households. He entered homes—Peter’s home, Martha’s home, Zachaeus’s home—and wherever He was received, that home was changed. This is not accidental. The Church has always understood the family to be the seedbed of salvation, the place where faith is first learned, practiced, and preserved.

St Gregory of Nazianzus speaks tenderly of learning prayer at the knees of his parents. Before theology was written, it was lived. Before sermons were preached, they were modeled. Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA – Camping Ministry Sunday - February 1st 2026. 2 of 2 Children learn the faith not first by explanation, but by imitation. They learn: how their parents speak to God, how often they turn to Him, and whether prayer is central or optional. Even though

our children are provided with wonderful models both in the church during our services and at home through prayer, they receive other models outside these "churches".

All too often these models do not support their spiritual growth and offer alternatives that may lead them astray. Peer pressure and social media weigh in heavily on their development. The first Sunday of February has been designated as camp ministry Sunday. We are reminded today that there is another "little church" where our children can gather together and come closer to Christ. It is a place where social media takes a back seat to prayer with peers. Where their counselors and teachers all hold and exhibit the same Orthodox values as they do.

The programs offered there are geared to foster growth in faith and community support to all ages and abilities. They help the campers develop connections with others that support the love of Christ and the church. First and foremost, pray for our camp and its programs, the administrators and staff, the participants, that all the work they do brings one another closer to Christ. Our diocesan family is also held together by prayer for one another.

Participate in a program- programs like Family Fest during the Labor Day Weekend are open to all people of all ages. Encourage the youth in your life to attend the programs that are appropriate for their age and needs. Help to arrange travel so that all people can make their way to All Saints Camp. We will have flyers and more information following Liturgy to learn more about the specific programs.

Consider volunteering your time- just like the parents in the example given earlier, the staff at the programs are a living example of faith in action for the participants. The programs need cabin counselors, but they also need church school teachers, helpers who set up and cleanup activities, teachers for special interest classes about nature, Ukrainian culture, church singing, etc. The camp facility can use help with maintenance, kitchen work, and more.

And of course, financial support is needed too. In order to make camp available to as many people as possible, the cost of registration does not cover the cost to run the programs. Many of the buildings at our beautiful camp are over 50 and even 75 years old, there are always maintenance needs to cover. Both the All Saints Camp facility and the programs rely on the generous donations of individuals and organizations.

Throughout the day today, more information about the Camping Ministry, including both the All Saints Camp property and the Programs the UOC of USA runs there, will be provided in parishes across our Diocese. There will be posts on social media and a live informational session on Zoom and YouTube this afternoon where you can learn more about the programs, ways to volunteer and ways to donate.

“Where two or three are gathered...” While we may not all be gathered together in one space, together we are all gathering in support of this essential ministry of our Church and God will surely be here to bless and provide abundantly for the ministry. Amen

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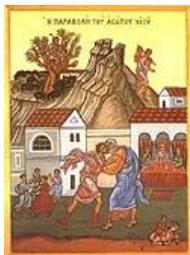
******* Preparation Weeks before the Great Lent*******



The paschal season of the Church is preceded by the season of Great Lent, which is itself preceded by its own liturgical preparation. The first sign of the approach of Great Lent comes five Sundays before its beginning. On this Sunday the Gospel reading is about Zacchaeus the tax-collector. It tells how Christ brought salvation to the sinful man and how his life was greatly changed simply because he “sought to see who Jesus was” (Lk 19.3). The desire and effort to see Jesus begins the entire movement through lent towards Easter. It is the first movement of salvation.



The following Sunday is that of the Publican and the Pharisee. The focus here is on the two men who went to the Temple to pray—one a pharisee who was a very decent and righteous man of religion, the other a publican who was a truly sinful tax-collector who was cheating the people. The first, although genuinely righteous, boasted before God and was condemned, according to Christ. The second, although genuinely sinful, begged for mercy, received it, and was justified by God (Lk. 18:9). The meditation here is that we have neither the religious piety of the pharisee nor the repentance of the publican by which alone we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ’s teaching, and to beg for mercy.



The next Sunday in the preparation for Great Lent is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. Hearing the parable of Christ about God’s loving forgiveness, we are called to “come to ourselves” as did the prodigal son, to see ourselves as being “in a far country” far from the Father’s house, and to make the movement of return to God. We are given every assurance by the Master that the Father will receive us with joy and gladness. We must only “arise and go,” confessing our self-inflicted and sinful separation from that “home” where we truly belong (Lk 15:11–24).