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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.

MAY 10 2026

Sunday, May 10

Samaritan Woman

Epistle Reading: Acts 11:19-26,29-30;

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42

Divine Liturgy – 9:30

Sunday, May 17

Blindman

Epistle Reading: Acts 16:16-34

Gospel Reading: John 9:1-38

Divine Liturgy – 9:30

Thursday, May 21

Ascension of our Lord Savior Jesus Christ

Epistle Reading: Acts 1:1-12

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:36-53

Vesperal Divine Liturgy - 6:30 pm

SUNDAY, May 24

Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

St. Nicetas of Chalcedon

Epistle Reading: 20:16-18, 28-36;

Gospel Reading: John 17:1-13

Divine Liturgy – 9:30

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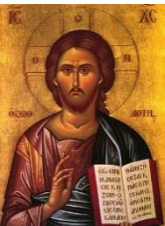
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX PARISH

The reading is from Acts of the Apostles 11:19-30



In those days, those apostles who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to none except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number that believed turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad; and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a large company was added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church, and taught a large company of people; and in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians. Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world; and this took place in the days of Claudius. And the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brethren who lived in Judea, and they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

The Gospel According to Mark 15:43-47; 16:1-8



At that time, Jesus came to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near the field that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and so Jesus, wearied as he was with his journey, sat down beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans. Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep; where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, and his sons, and his cattle?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and he whom you now have is not your husband; this you said truly." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain; and you say that Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ); when he comes, he will show us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Just then his disciples came. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but none said, "What do you wish?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" So the woman left her water jar, and went away into the city and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" They went out of the city and were coming to him.

Meanwhile the disciples besought him, saying "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him food?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work. Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, then comes the harvest'? I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see how the fields are already white for harvest. He who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor; others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony. "He told me all that I ever did." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard ourselves, and we know that this is indeed Christ the Savior of the world."

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All the citizens and residents of Ukraine, Frank, Frank, Sandy, Johanna, Stanley, John, Tim Roxbury, Lovie Tymkiv, Patricia Prokopchak, Patricia Hnatko, Carol. Sherry, Rhea Jean Roxbury, 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, Volodymyr, Alexandr, Vincent, John.

Remembering with Honor and Prayer: Memorial Day

As we observe Memorial Day this month, we pause to honor the brave men and women who gave their lives in service to our country. Their sacrifice is a solemn reminder of the cost of peace and the depth of love expressed in laying down one's life for others (John 15:13).

In our Orthodox tradition, we remember the departed with prayer, entrusting them to the mercy and love of our Lord. Let us offer prayers for the souls of the fallen, asking God to grant them rest among the righteous and to comfort those who mourn their loss. May this Memorial Day be not only a time of remembrance but also a call to deeper gratitude, unity, and peace in our communities and nation. *"Memory eternal!"*

Thank You to Our Pirohi Workers

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped with our Pirohi sales this season - our cooks, packers, runners, cleaners, and everyone who gave of their time and energy each week. Your hard work and joyful service are deeply appreciated! Please note that our last Pirohi sale for the season will be **Friday, May 22nd**. We will resume sales again in the fall. May God bless you for all you've done to support our parish through this important ministry!

Volunteer Appreciation Lunch & Mother's/Father's Day Celebration – June 7th

Please join us on **Sunday, June 7th**, following the Divine Liturgy for a special **Appreciation Lunch** in honor of all our dedicated **volunteers**, as well as in celebration of **Mother's and Father's Day**. This event is a heartfelt thank you to those who have given their time, effort, and love in service to our parish community. We are also delighted to recognize the mothers and fathers whose presence and support continue to inspire and strengthen our church family.

Enjoy a delicious catered meal and the fellowship of our parish as we express our deep gratitude for all you do.

ZOE for Life! Fundraiser

The Christian Fellowship is organizing a fundraiser in support of **ZOE for Life!** an Orthodox Christian ministry that affirms the value of all life by offering non-judgmental, confidential support and education to women experiencing unplanned pregnancies.

A donation container will be placed at the church entrance for those who wish to contribute. Informational materials will also be available for parishioners.

We encourage everyone to support this worthy cause and help make a difference in the lives of those in need. May God bless your generosity!

Camping Program

As we look ahead to the summer months, we offer a reminder about the upcoming camping programs available at All Saint's Camp this summer. All the necessary information and applications for campers and staff can be found online at www.uocyouth.org. Let us join together in continuing to support the Ministry of All Saints Camp!

Contribution for help in Ukraine

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.

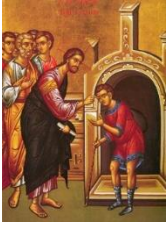
PARISH CELEBRATION AND REMEMBRANCE

From the bottom of Ss. Peter and Paul parish family heart we **Caden Hassler (May 10), Ted Diakiw (May 10), Hanna Kukharchyshyn (May 16th), Arianna Speer (May 21), Debbie and Larry Cygan (May 23)**. 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 **Rose and Ron Frenchak (May 6), Antoinette and Wayne Kennedy (May 10)**. May God's awesome blessings be upon you this day and for the Future years ahead for many happy and blessed years!

Memory Eternal, **Metropolitan Constantine (May 21st), Hope Burka (May 25th)**. May their souls dwell with the righteous, and may their memory be eternal in the hearts of their loved ones and the Church. **Vichnaya Pamyat!**

Sunday of the Blind Man



The Lord Jesus was coming from the Temple on the Sabbath, when, while walking in the way, He saw the blind man mentioned in today's Gospel. This man had been born thus from his mother's womb, that is, he had been born without eyes (see Saint John Chrysostom, Homily LVI on Matthew; Saint Irenaeus, Against Heresies, Book V:15; and the second Exorcism of Saint Basil the Great). When the disciples saw this, they asked their Teacher, "Who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?" They asked this because when the Lord had healed the paralytic at the Sheep's Pool, He had told him, "Sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (John 5:14); so they wondered, if sickness was caused by sin, what sin could have been the cause of his being born without eyes. But the Lord answered that this was for the glory of God. Then the God-man spat on the ground and made clay with the spittle. He anointed the eyes of the blind man and said to him, "Go, wash in the Pool of Siloam." Siloam (which means "sent") was a well-known spring in Jerusalem used by the inhabitants for its waters, which flowed to the eastern side of the city and collected in a large pool called "the Pool of Siloam."

Therefore, the Saviour sent the blind man to this pool that he might wash his eyes, which had been anointed with the clay—not that the pool's water had such power, but that the faith and obedience of the one sent might be made manifest, and that the miracle might become more remarkable and known to all, and leave no room for doubt. Thus, the blind man believed in Jesus' words, obeyed His command, went and washed himself, and returned, no longer blind, but having eyes and seeing. This was the greatest miracle that our Lord had yet worked; as the man healed of his blindness himself testified, "Since time began, never was it heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind," although the Lord had already healed the blind eyes of many. Because he now had eyes, some even doubted that he was the same person (John 9:8-9); and it was still lively in their remembrance when Christ came to the tomb of Lazarus, for they said, "Could not this man, who opened the eyes of the blind man, have caused that even this man should not have died?" Saint John Chrysostom gives a thorough and brilliant exposition of our Lord's meeting with the woman of Samaria, the healing of the paralytic, and the miracle of the blind man in his commentaries on the Gospel of Saint John.

Kontakion — Tone 4

I come to You, O Christ, / blind from birth in my spiritual eyes / and I call to You in repentance: / You are the most radiant light of those in darkness!

Faith That Feeds, Clothes, and Comforts: Humanitarian Outreach in Ukraine



As the war in Ukraine continues to wound the lives of millions of innocent people, the humanitarian ministry of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA remains a living testimony to the words of Christ: *“I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in...”* (Matthew 25:35).

Throughout this week, clergy and volunteers serving in cooperation with the humanitarian ministry supported by the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA traveled throughout the Dnipropetrovsk and Kyiv regions of Ukraine, bringing desperately needed aid, comfort, and spiritual encouragement to some of the most vulnerable members of society - the elderly, the sick, displaced families, orphaned children, and those whose lives have been shattered by war.

One of the first stops of the mission was a local hospice in Bykivnia, where patients with severe cognitive and physical disabilities receive care. Among them were bedridden elderly people, patients recovering from devastating strokes, and individuals suffering from dementia.

The volunteers arrived not simply with supplies, but with compassion and dignity for those who are so often forgotten by society. Large quantities of diapers, warm blankets, yogurts, hygiene products, and food were delivered in order to ease the burden of daily life for both patients and caregivers.

In the quiet halls of the hospice, where suffering is deeply visible in the eyes of the residents, the smallest gesture became a sign of love and remembrance.

“Every package of diapers, every blanket, every warm meal is not merely humanitarian assistance,” reflected Very Rev. Fr. Kostyantyn Kuznetsov, who continues to coordinate humanitarian outreach in war-torn regions of Ukraine. “It is a reminder to these suffering people that they have not been abandoned. The Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA has stood with us from the very beginning of this tragedy - providing humanitarian support, financial assistance, logistical aid, medicine, food, and the means necessary for us to continue serving Christ in those who suffer. We are profoundly grateful for this living witness of Christian love.”

The humanitarian mission also reached displaced families throughout the Dnipropetrovsk region - people who were forced to flee their homes because of relentless shelling, occupation, and destruction. Many lost everything: homes, employment, family members, and any sense of stability.



Volunteers distributed food packages, hygiene products, and basic necessities while offering words of encouragement and prayer.



Sometimes people do not need lengthy speeches,” Fr. Kostyantyn reflected. “They simply need someone to stand beside them and say: ‘You are not alone.’ Through the faithful support of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA, we are able to continue carrying that message into places overwhelmed by grief and despair.”

Among the most emotionally difficult visits was the journey to the Center for Social and Psychological Rehabilitation of Children in Kyiv. The center shelters children removed from their homes because of abuse, neglect, addiction, and other tragic family circumstances. There, volunteers encountered children whose young faces already carried the burden of pain and instability far beyond their years. Yet despite everything they had endured, the children welcomed the visitors with smiles, laughter, and quiet hope. The mission brought new clothing, shoes, sweets, juices, cookies, toys, and gifts for every child. Not a single child left without receiving a toy - a small but powerful reminder that they are seen, valued, and loved.

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The mission brought new clothing, shoes, sweets, juices, cookies, toys, and gifts for every child. Not a single child left without receiving a toy - a small but powerful reminder that they are seen, valued, and loved. As Ukraine continues to endure unimaginable suffering, the humanitarian ministry of the Church remains an essential lifeline for countless people struggling simply to survive another day. In these difficult times, every prayer, every donation, and every act of kindness becomes a testimony that humanity, compassion, and faith are still stronger than hatred and destruction.

To support the Humanitarian Aid Ministry of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and assist the suffering people of Ukraine, please continue your charitable contributions and prayers for peace, healing, and the protection of the innocent.

May the Lord bless all those who extend their hands in mercy to the suffering children and people of Ukraine.