



**ST. PETER & ST. PAUL  
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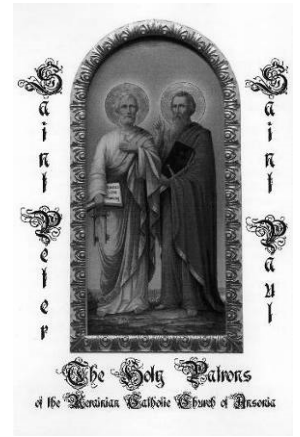
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**Very Rev. Archpriest Edward Canon Young, Pastor**

**July 12, 2020**

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, The Holy Martyrs Proclus and Hilary; Venerable Father Michael of Maleon

Epistle: Romans 12:6-14 Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8 Tone: 5



*Leaders of the Apostles and teachers of the world, pray to the Master of all to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.*

**DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE**  
**WEEKDAYS:** MONDAY–FRIDAY 9:00AM  
**SATURDAY:** 4:00PM (Vigil Sunday-Eng.)  
**SUNDAY:** 8:30 AM (Ukr.) & 10:00 AM (Eng.)  
**Confessions are heard before each Divine Liturgy:**  
**Saturday** 3:00PM to 3:30 PM  
**Sunday** 8:00AM to 8:30AM and 9:30AM until 10:00AM  
**Religious Education** – Saturday 10:00AM – 11:00AM  
Call Alice O'Doy @203-734-3055 for more information.

**Preservation** – Please use the form in church vestibule, mail it to the church or bring it to Bob Jaskilka, Michael Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young  
**Address or Name Change/New Phone Number** – Please update your records. See Bob Jaskilka, or Michael Wysowski, Jr. to update this info. Returned checks are subject to a **\$35.00 fee**.

**Bulletin Notices** – Notices for the bulletin must be **in writing** by Wednesday @6PM to be included in that week's bulletin.

**Parish Council** meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month @7:15pm in the church hall.

**Rectory Office Hours - Thursday 10AM – Noon**  
**or by Appointment on other days**

**\*\*\*\*Please Note \*\*\*\***  
**Mass Offerings, Sorokousty**  
**Mother's Day, Father's Day**  
**Checks must be made out to the Fr. Young**  
**not the Church ! Thank You...**

**Baptism** Arrangement for baptism is to be made personally at the Parish Office. Please call rectory for an appointment.  
**Marriage** – Arrangements for marriage are to be made at least **6 months prior** to the Wedding date. Please call rectory for an appointment.  
**Sick Calls** – To arrange for Sacraments for the elderly and sick at home, please call Parish Office Fr. Young at 203-734-3895, **Please advise the rectory of any hospitalization.**  
**In your Estate planning** – Remember Sts. Peter & Paul Church in your will.  
**Stewardship** - "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). All Catholics, should give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church

**Special Share in the Eucharist \*- Bread & Wine** offered for a week, month, or year. Donations: one week - \$20.00 Donors/intentions will be listed.  
Bob Jaskilka, or Michael Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young  
**Eternal Light** \*- offered to light for a week \$10.00.  
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**Virgin Mary's Lamp and Sacred Heart Lamp\*** also available for offering! Offered to light for a week is 10.00, each.  
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**All start on Monday to Sunday!**  
**\*Offering must be made when dates are reserved!**

A **Welcome to St. Peter and St. Paul Parish** to all who are worshipping with us today. If you are over twenty-one years of age and have not yet registered, have moved or will be moving, or have a new telephone number, **please fill out the form below**. Each household **must be registered** at St. Peter and St. Paul and every adult receives a set of stewardship envelopes. Registration also entails an annual dues to the parish. If a parishioner is not registered, it is difficult for church authorities to issue him or her a sponsor certificate, reference, or any other certification.




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*(Please come down to the Basement to be properly registered after or before liturgy)*

**Prayer for our Nation (U.S.A):** God our Father, Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people. Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will. Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

*Bread and Wine Offering - None Offered*

07/11	Saturday	9:00 AM	Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян
07/12	Sunday	10:00 AM	+Aleksyj, Maria, Stefan, Michajlo, Anna, Petro & Anna req. by Julia Gyba
07/13	Monday	6:00 PM	+Elizabeth G. Snow 40 <sup>th</sup> day req. by John & Milly Zaleski
07/14	Tuesday		No Liturgy
07/15	Wednesday	6:00 PM	The Feast Holy Grand Prince Volodymyr, Equal to the Apostles, Named Basil at Holy Baptism, Baptizer of Rus'-Ukraine +Michael Lega req. by Stefan & Ola Dytko & family
07/16	Thursday	9:00 AM	+Brenia, Fetzko & Horney families
07/17	Friday	9:00 AM	+John & Mary Fedores
07/18	Saturday	9:00 AM	Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян
07/19	Sunday	10:00 AM	+Anna Garbera Malinak req. by daughter & family

ETERNAL LIGHT 	<i>In loving memory of +Anna Garbera Malinak by Daughter, Son &amp; Family</i>
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP 	<i>Good Health for Andriy Jatsiv by Jatsiv Family</i>
SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP 	<i>None Offered</i>

Bread and Wine Offering Reserved Dates	Eternal Light Offering Reserved Dates	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES	SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES
8/3-8/9/20	7/20/20-7/26/20	8/10/20-8/16/20	8/3/20-8/9/20
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	11/9/20-11/15/20		
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	12/14/20-12/20/20		
	12/21/-12/27/20		

**2020 & Past Church Dues (Blue Book) (Kollekta)**

During Lent & every Saturday & Sunday dues current & past will be collected in the church hall after the 4:00 PM Vigil and 8:30 AM & 10AM Sunday Liturgies.  
Please bring your dues book to the church hall dues will not be collected in the rectory Back on January 25, 2005 the Parish Council voted to increase the yearly dues to \$75.00 per member. This is the first increase since 1998. The number of upcoming projects that are needed to keep the church building in good repairs, such as painting, doors, walls, fixing the roof, warranted this increase.  
**Do not place dues in your weekly envelope offering !**  
Please remember - this is not our church but YOUR church!  
*Please fulfill your responsibility to your Church!!*

**Divine Liturgy will still be Live streamed on Fr. Edward Young Facebook Page at 10:00 AM very Sunday.**



**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Epistle - Romans 12: 6-14; ~ Gospel - Matthew 9: 1-8**

**Our Lord says “be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you” (Matthew 9:2) in today’s Gospel.**

The ministry of Christ in the world is the reconciliation of God and man. Every sermon, every trip, every miracle, every chastisement, they all have the goal of showing the audience the way back to God. In our Church, this can’t be stressed enough. The Christian life doesn’t get its purpose from our being good, or following laws. The Christian life is also not a selfish life focused on our earthly or even heavenly satisfaction. The ministry of Christ was to reconcile God and man. Everything in the Christian life is revealed to us to heal the rift that sin has caused between every human being and their Creator. This is the purpose of the Christian life. We are created to live with God; this includes following His will and partaking in His blessings...as effects of the primary goal—my life with God.

This is why many of the Church Fathers use the image of a hospital for the Church, Christ as the good physician, the sacraments and the ascetic life as medicine for our healing. Obviously, it’s not an exactly parallel image, but what this image reveals to us goes right to the heart of our lives as Christians. Christ was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary to bridge the gap between God and man, to bring healing to the broken situation of humanity. This is our focus—what must I do so that the work of Christ will not be for nothing? Or in more worldly language, as the rich man asked Christ—what must I do to be saved?

We were created to submit our will to His in order to have this harmony with Him. As we live our lives in conflict with God, others and the image and likeness of God within us our souls become sick. The soul becomes sick because it is cut off from its Creator that nourishes it with the fruit of the tree of life. This lack of nourishment of the soul weakens the soul. In the worse cases it can no longer respond to God; it becomes paralyzed much like the man in today’s gospel.

When the soul is sick it is often accompanied by physical illness. We see this often in the Gospels with the healings of the blind, the epileptics, the deaf and dumb, and paralytics. In each of these healings we hear our Lord Jesus Christ say before the healing, as we heard in today’s Gospel, “your sins are forgiven you.” Thus, before there can be any physical healing there must be a spiritual healing. In order to receive this spiritual healing the one that suffers must first come to believe in God and trust in Him. We see this need for belief in the healing of the epileptic child when the father says “Lord, I believe; help my unbelief.” (Mark 9:24)

We also see very vividly this morning the focus of the ministry of Christ—“your sins are forgiven” (Matthew 9: 2) He tells the man. Later comes bodily healing, but whether the man can walk or not has no bearing on his relationship with God. The state of his soul determines his relationship

with God—his sins are forgiven, and in that moment he's reconciled with God. The work that Christ has come to do is done. The other miracle, the healing of the man's physical infirmity, St. John Chrysostom tell us this is done to witness to the scribes present the fact that Christ was the Messiah.

Physical suffering is part of life on this earth, and as Christians we know that this suffering is evil, but we also know that it's temporary, and ultimately it's not our focus in the Christian life. These "Christians" that preach health and wealth are entirely off the mark; Christ never promises physical health, but total spiritual healing—which does bring "earthly happiness" in the sense that we're fulfilling the purpose for our creation when we're in a proper relationship with Christ. The Fathers of the Church teach that spiritual health is our attainable goal in this world, and physical health is a gift of the next. This walk with Christ, this healing offered to us by the Great Physician, is a source of unending joy. "Be of good cheer," Christ tells the paralytic this morning (Matthew 9: 2). The peace that passes all understanding, true and lasting joy, comes to us only when we're in a right relationship with Christ; only when we're entirely given to the work of God in our lives. Any other state we find ourselves in will be hell, because man finds his only fulfillment in Christ. As Bishop Kallistos (Ware) is so famous for saying (perhaps repeating), God became man not only so that man could become god, but firstly, so that man could become truly man. (Excerpts from Homilies of Fr. Matthew Jackson; Fr. Milan Medakovic at Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church)

### **CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA - TODAY'S GOSPEL LESSON :**

SUFFERING: Page 66, Section 181; Page 77, Section 211-214; Page 153, Section 447-448; Page 157, Section 462-463

HEALING: Page 158, Section 466-469



Saints Volodymyr & Olha

### **Holy Grand Prince Volodymyr, Equal to the Apostles, Named Basil at Holy Baptism, Baptizer of Rus'-Ukraine**

**Troparion, Tone 4:** You resembled the merchant who sought the pearl of great price,\* O Volodymyr, glorious in might:\* seated on the throne of Kyiv, the divinely-saved mother of the cities of Rus',\* as a seeker you sent envoys to the Imperial City\* to know the Holy True Faith,\* and found Christ the pearl, who chose you as another Paul,\* and removed your blindness both spiritual and bodily in the holy font.\* Therefore we, your people, feast your falling asleep.\* Pray that the leaders of Rus' be saved with those entrusted to them. +Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen. **Kontakion, Tone 8:** You emulated Paul the great apostle,\* O glorious Volodymyr;\* late in life you abandoned your zeal for idols as childish thinking,\* and as a full-grown

man you were adorned with divine baptism's royal purple.\* Standing with joy in the presence of Christ the Savior,\* pray that the leaders

Volodymyr the Great (Valdamar, Volodimer, Vladimir), b ca 956, d 15 July 1015 in Vyshhorod, near Kyiv. Grand prince of Kyiv from 980; son of Sviatoslav I Ihorovych and Malusha; half-brother of Yaropolk I Sviatoslavych and Oleh Sviatoslavych; and father of 11 princes by five wives, including Sviatopolk I, Yaroslav the Wise, Mstyslav Volodymyrovych, and Saints Borys and Hlib. In 969 Grand Prince Sviatoslav I named his son Volodymyr the prince of Novgorod the Great, where the latter ruled under the guidance of his uncle, Dobrynia. In 977 a struggle for power broke out among Sviatoslav's sons. Yaropolk I, who was then the grand prince of Kyiv, seized the Derevlianian land and Novgorod, thereby forcing Volodymyr to flee to Scandinavia. In 980 Volodymyr returned to Rus' with a Varangian force, expelled Yaropolk's governors from Novgorod, and took Polatsk after a battle in which Prince Rogvolod of Polatsk was slain. Volodymyr took Rogvolod's daughter, Rohnida, as his wife. Later that year he captured Kyiv and had Yaropolk murdered, thereby becoming the grand prince, and married Yaropolk's Greek widow.

Over the next 35 years Volodymyr expanded the borders of Kyivan Rus' and turned it into one of the most powerful states in Eastern Europe. After taking the Cherven towns and Peremyshl from Poland (981) and waging successful wars against the Viaticians (981–2) and Radimichians (984) he united the remaining East Slavic tribes, divided his realm into lands, and installed his sons or viceroys to govern them, dispense princely justice, and collect tribute. In 983 Volodymyr waged war against the Yatvingians and thereby gained access to the Baltic Sea. In 985 he defeated the Khazars and Volga Bulgars and secured his state's eastern frontier. Volodymyr devoted considerable attention to defending his southern borders against the nomadic Pechenegs and Chorni Klobuky. He had lines of fortifications built along the Irpin River, the Stuhna River, the Trubizh River, and the Sula River and founded fortified towns (eg, Vasylkiv, Voin, and Bilhorod) that were joined by earthen ramparts.

Volodymyr attributed his victory over Yaropolk I Sviatoslavych to the support he received from pagan forces, and had idols of the deities Perun, Khors, Dazhboh, Stryboh, Symarhl, and Mokosh erected on a hill overlooking his palace in Kyiv. Later he became convinced that a monotheistic religion would consolidate his power, as Christianity and Islam had done for neighboring rulers. His choice was determined after the Byzantine emperor Basil II turned to him for help in defeating his rival, Bardas Phocas. Volodymyr offered military aid only if he was allowed to marry Basil's sister, Anna, and Basil agreed to the marriage only after Volodymyr promised to convert himself and his subjects to Christianity. Volodymyr, his family, and his closest associates were baptized in December 987, when he took the Christian name Vasylii (Basil). Soon afterward he ordered the destruction of all pagan idols. The mass baptism of the citizens of Kyiv took place on 1 August 988 (see Christianization of Ukraine), and the remaining population of Rus' was slowly converted, sometimes by force. In 988 Volodymyr sent several thousand warriors to help Basil regain power and married Anna, and in 989 he besieged Chersonese Taurica, took it from Bardas Phocas, and returned it to Basil.


The Christianization of Rus' was essentially engineered by Byzantium. Byzantium supplied the first hierarchs and other missionary clergy in Rus' and introduced Byzantine art, education, and literature there. During Volodymyr's reign the first schools and churches were built, notably the Church of the Tithes in Kyiv. The adoption of Christianity as the official religion facilitated the unification of the Rus' tribes and the establishment of foreign dynastic, political, cultural, religious, and commercial relations, particularly with the Byzantine Empire, Bulgaria, and Germany. Relations with Poland improved after Volodymyr's son Sviatopolk I married the daughter of Prince Boleslaw I the Brave in 992. Volodymyr received papal emissaries in 986, 988, 991, 992, and 1000 and sent his own envoys to Rome in 993 and 1001.

After Anna's death in 1011, Volodymyr married the daughter of Count Kuno von Enningen. Toward the end of his life his sons Sviatopolk of Turiv and Yaroslav the Wise of Novgorod challenged his rule. Having defeated Sviatopolk, Volodymyr died while preparing a campaign against Yaroslav and was buried in the Church of the Tithes. He was succeeded briefly by Sviatopolk.

The Rus' clergy venerated Volodymyr because of his support of the church, but he was canonized only after 1240. Thereafter he was referred to as 'the holy, equal to the Apostles, grand prince of Kyiv.' The oldest extant mention of him as Saint Volodymyr is found in the Hypatian Chronicle under the year 1254, and his feast day, 15 July (28 July OS), was first celebrated in 1263.



*God grant that violence be overcome by the power of love, that opposition give way to reconciliation and that the desire to oppress be transformed into the desire for forgiveness, justice and peace... May peace be in our hearts so that they are open to the action of God's grace... May all members of the family community, especially children, the elderly, the weakest, feel the warmth of this feast, and may it extend subsequently to all the days in the year. Amen. **Pope Benedict XVI***

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