



**ST. PETER & ST. PAUL
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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.

**Very Rev. Peter Shyshka, Pastor
Cell Phone 646-256-6360
-The Weekly Messenger-
February 23, 2025**

Web Site: www.stspucc.org

Sunday of Meatfare

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 8: 8-9.2 GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE:

WEEKDAYS: By request until further notice.

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM (Ukr.) & 10:00 AM (Eng.)

Confessions are heard before each Divine Liturgy: Sunday 8:00AM to 8:30AM and 9:30AM to 10:00AM

Religious Education:

Sunday Morning from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM.
Call Audrey Sokol 203-924-1184 for more information.

Preservation – Please use the form in church vestibule, mail it to the church or bring it to the Church Hall Office or Fr. Peter Shyshka.

Address/Name Change/New Phone Number:

Please come to the Church Hall Office to update this info.

Returned checks are subject to a **\$35.00 fee per check.**

Bulletin Notices – Notices for the bulletin must be **in writing** by Wednesday @The first had an angel as a herald,6PM to be included in that week's bulletin.

Parish Council meets every **3rd Sunday of the month after the 10am Liturgy in the Church Hall.**

Rectory Office Hours - By Appointment until further notice.

******Please Note** ****

Liturgy Offerings, Sorokousty,

Mother's Day, Father's Day

Checks must be made out to

Fr. Peter Shyshka; **not the Church!** Thank You...

Baptism: Arrangements for baptism are to be made in person at the Parish Office. Please call the Rectory for an appointment.

Marriage: Arrangements for marriage are to be made at least **6 months prior** to the Wedding date. Please call the Rectory for an appointment.

Sick Calls – To arrange for Sacraments for the elderly and sick at home, please call the Rectory or Fr. Peter Shyshka.
Please advise the Rectory of any hospitalization.

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.

Please come to the Church Hall Office or see **Fr. Peter Shyshka**

Eternal Light *- Offered to light for a week \$10.00.

Please come to the Church Hall Office or see **Fr. Peter Shyshka**
Virgin Mary Lamp and Sacred Heart Lamp*- Offered to light for a week is 10.00 each. Please come to the Church Hall Office or see **Fr. Peter Shyshka**

All start on Monday to Sunday.

****Offering must be made when dates are reserved on a first come, first served basis.***





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.

Name _____ Phone# _____ Email _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

From Vespers: Tone 6: The books will be opened* and the secrets laid bare* before your awesome judgement seat;* and the whole valley of tears shall resound with a dreadful sigh,* when it sees the sinners sent to eternal punishment by Your just judgement,* and hears them weeping hopelessly.* Therefore O God of Mercy, we pray to You:* Spare us who sing to You, O Only Good One.

LITURGIES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK:

02/22	Saturday	10:00 AM	+James Comcowich Jr.- Foundation Liturgy
02/23	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Health & Blessings for all Parishioners +Esther Hylwa- Foundation Liturgy
02/24	Monday	10:00 AM	+Joanne Mudry requested by Paul Mudry
02/25	Tuesday	10:00AM	+Alexander Comcowich- Foundation Liturgy
02/26	Wednesday	No Liturgy	
02/27	Thursday	No Liturgy	
02/28	Friday	No Liturgy	
03/01	Saturday	10:00AM	+Leon, +Anna, +Maria,+ Wasyl, +Paiza, +Michael, +Theodore and +Katherine Skrypack- Foundation Liturgy
03/02	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00AM	+Walter Duda requested by Dorothy Duda Health & Blessings for all Parishioners

BREAD & WINE		<i>None Offered</i>
ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>None Offered</i>
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>None Offered</i>
SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		<i>None Offered</i>

BREAD & WINE OFFERING RESERVED DATES	ETERNAL LIGHT LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 3/31/25-4/6/25 4/7/25-4/13/25	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 3/3/25-3/9/25 3/24/25-3/30/25 4/7/25-4/13/25	SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 3/17/25-3/23/25 4/28/25-5/4/25
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PRAYER FOR OUR NATION: Lord, we pray for peace and unity in our nation today. Keep us in peace, O Christ our God, under the protection of your Holy Cross; save us from our enemies, visible and invisible, that we may glorify You with thanksgiving, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. We pray that You would inspire this nation to be a nation under God. Give us your hope. Give us your peace. Amen. The Light of God ~ surround us. The Love of God ~ enfold us.

The Power of God ~ protect us. The Presence of God ~ watch over us.

The Mind of God ~ Guide us. The Law of God ~ direct us.

Wherever we are God ~ be our strength.



PRAY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE AND THE WORLD: MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS, THROUGH THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL, SPREAD YOUR OMOPHOR ~ WE IMPLORER YOUR PROTECTION OVER UKRAINE AND BEG THAT

YOU INTERCEDE WITH OUR LORD TO GRANT PEACE.

PRAYER FOR THE DELIVERANCE OF UKRAINE IN TIME OF INVASION: O Lord God of powers, and God of our salvation, O God, who alone work wonders: look down with mercy and compassion on Your humble servants, and out of love for mankind hearken and have mercy on us and on the land of Ukraine. For, behold, enemies have once more gathered together, in order to cause division and enmity. But You who know all things, understand that they have risen up righteously, and that it will be impossible to oppose their multitudes unless You show us Your help. Therefore, we who are sinful and unworthy pray unto You in repentance and with tears: Help us, O God, our Savior, and deliver the land of Ukraine for the sake of the glory of Your Name, that the enemy may not to say: *"Their God has forsaken them, and there is none to deliver and save them."* But let every nation understand that You are our God, and we Your people are always protected under Your dominion.

...Food for Thought...

**"If you wish to go to extremes, let it be in sweetness, patience, humility and charity."
-St. Philip Neri**

**"When you are growing up, there are two institutional places that affect you most powerfully: the Church, which belongs to God, and the Public Library, which belongs to you."
- Musician Keith Richards**

Religious Education: Reminders for our Students and their Parents...

Upcoming Classes: February 23, 2025; March 2, 2025; March 9, 2025. 9:00 A.M. in the Church Hall.

Liturgy at 10:00 A.M. immediately following the Class.



PARISH COUNCIL
Annual Meeting
February 23,
2025



Annual Meeting of St. Peter & St. Paul Board of Directors

Today, February 23, 2025
11:00 A.M. in the Church Hall

All Parishioners are invited to attend!
Refreshments will be served.



Please Help Our Church and Our Earth!

As a fundraiser for our Church, we will be collecting bottles and cans each week. A blue recycling bin has been placed on the right side of the garage for you to drop them off. Please consider donating them!

We so appreciate that Irene Henry and Michael Smerznak have volunteered to take them each week to recycle and collect the money for our church funds!

Your participation is making this a successful endeavor!

Proceeds from the Week Ending February 15, 2025: \$10.00!

Total Collected to Date: \$398.00!!

PRE-LENTEN PYROHY PRODUCTION RUN

Good News: Our Parish will be making pyrohy on February 27, 28 & March 1, 2025, but...

We need help on all three days!

...Feb. 27: prepare onions, potatoes & sauerkraut.

...Feb. 28: cook potatoes, onions & make fillings.

...March 1: make dough, roll dough, cut circles, fill dough, pinch, boil finished perohy and package.

Yes, we are planning on making more sauerkraut pyrohy due to the demand the last time we made them.

Rule #1: Parishioners have priority for perohy sales.

Rule #2: Non-Parishioners need to pre-order their quantity. **Pre-Orders must be in by February 26!**

For further information please contact: Slava Kit, Scott Walker or Donna Wright

Rest in Peace: Please remember in your prayers our fellow parishioner **Michael Bak**, age 90, who entered eternal life on February 5, 2025. The Wakelee Memorial Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

May He Rest in Peace...

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER FUNDRAISER



Sunday, March 16, 2025

In the Church Hall immediately following the 10:00 A.M. Liturgy

Tickets: Adults \$20.00
Youth 10 and under \$5.00

Tickets will not be sold on the day of the event!

MONETARY DONATIONS TO PURCHASE NEEDED ITEMS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!

PLEASE BAKE DESSERTS FOR THIS EVENT!!!

For Tickets please contact: Josephine Sembrat or Scott Walker

That's Enough: In late 2021, Russia began mobilizing and massing troops near Ukraine's borders and ultimately issued several demands to the West, including a ban on Ukraine from joining the NATO military alliance.

After repeatedly denying having plans to attack Ukraine, on February 24, 2022, Russian President Vladimir Putin announced a "special military operation" to support the Russian-backed breakaway republics of Donetsk and Luhansk and invaded Ukraine in a major escalation of the Russo-Ukrainian War, which had started in 2014.

The invasion, the largest and deadliest conflict in Europe since World War II, has caused hundreds of thousands of military casualties and tens of thousands of civilian casualties.




From a population of 41 million, about 8 million Ukrainians have been internally displaced, and more than 8.2 million had fled the country by April, 2023, creating Europe's largest refugee crisis since World War II.

Three years later, the fighting continues...

When is the fighting going to end? As no one except God knows for sure, please keep praying for peace...

**PLEASE
STOP
WAR
IN
UKRAINE**



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An Important Message from the Ion Bank Foundation:

Subject: Help Us Earn Money!

The Ion Bank Foundation Community Awards Program gives each Ion Bank customer the opportunity to vote for their favorite non-profit organization to help the Ion Bank Foundation give away up to \$100,000!

Voting has begun so please help us earn money! We will receive a \$25 donation from the Ion Bank Foundation for every vote¹ we receive!

Every vote counts! If you are an Ion Bank customer, please visit <https://cap.ionbank.com/CAP/> to vote until **March 3, 2025.**

¹Voting is open to all Ion Bank customers. One vote per customer, however, for accounts with multiple owners, each owner may vote. Customers with multiple accounts may only vote once. Each customer can vote for only one organization.

We are very excited about this giving program and hope you will partner with the Ion Bank Foundation to help us help your non-profit organization.

Thank you for all the good work you do in the community.

If you have any questions, please call me at 203-720-4114.

Kathleen A. Brochhausen
Executive Director

