



**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.

April 21, 2024

Web Site: www.stspucc.org

Very Rev. Archpriest Edward Canon Young, *Pastor*

Fourth Sunday of Pascha – Sunday of the Paralytic. Holy Priest-Martyr Januarius and Those with Him (305-11).
Holy Martyr Theodore of Pergia (138-61).

We Stand for all Serves till Pentecost!

Epistle: ACTS 9: 32 - 42 Gospel: JOHN 5: 1 – 15 Tone: Sheet

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY–FRIDAY 10:00AM

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 until 10:00AM

Religious Education – Saturday 10:00AM – 11:00AM

Sunday After 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
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 Michael Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young

Address or Name Change/New Phone Number

– Please update your records. See Michael Wysowski, Jr. 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 @6PM to be included in that week’s bulletin.

Parish Council meets every 3rd Wednesday of every month @7:15pm in the church hall.

Rectory Office Hours - Thursday 1:00 to 3:00 PM 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. Edward 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.

Michael Wysowski, Jr or Fr. Edward Young
Eternal Light *– offered to light for a week \$10.00.

Michael Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young
Virgin Mary’s Lamp and Sacred Heart Lamp* also available for offering!
Offered to light for a week is 10.00, each. Michael Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young

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 Sunday Vespers : On Solomon's porch, there lay many sick, * and in the midst of the Feast, Christ found among them, * a man who had been paralyzed for thirty-eight years. * To him He called out with a Master's voice: * Do you wish to be made well? * And the Paralytic man replied: * Lord, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred. * The Lord said to him: Take up your bed. * Behold, you have become whole; do not sin again. * Therefore, O Lord, by the prayers of the Theotokos, * send down upon us Your great mercy.

Bread and Wine Offering - No Offering

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| 04/20 | Saturday | 10:00 AM | + JOSEPH & EVA BRENIA |
| 04/21 | Sunday of the Paralytic | 8:30 AM 10:00 AM | Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян +Joanne Mudry req by Dale & Monica Dimon |
| 04/15 | Monday | | No Liturgy |
| 04/16 | Tuesday | | No Liturgy |
| 04/17 | Wednesday | | No Liturgy |
| 04/18 | Thursday | | No Liturgy |
| 04/19 | Friday | | No Liturgy |
| 04/20 | Saturday | 10:00 AM | No Liturgy |
| 04/21 | Sunday of the Paralytic | 8:30 AM 10:00 AM | Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян +Julie Richerdson req. by Luba Lypen |

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| ETERNAL LIGHT |  | <i>No Offering</i> |
| BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP |  | <i>No Offering</i> |
| SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP |  | <i>No Offering</i> |

| BREAD & WINE OFFERING RESERVED DATES | ETERNAL LIGHT LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES | BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES | SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES |
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| Offerings for Sunday of the Myrrh - Bearer April 14, 2024 | APRIL 14, 2024 COLLECTION: Offering 1,004.00; Candles 57.00; Fuel 45.00; Building Fund/Maintenance 25.00; Initial 10.00; Dues 1,350.00 |
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+In Memoriam: Paul John "PJ" Mudry, Fell a Sleep in the Lord Saturday, April 13, 2024 , Paul John was the beloved son of Paul Mudry of Ansonia and the late Joanne Ginex Mudry. The Funeral was celebrated on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, at 10:00 AM at Saint Peter and Saint Paul Church.

May his memory be Eternal. Вічна я йому пам'ять **Vichnaya jomu Pam'iat.**



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 IMPLOR 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.

Kitchen and Hall Renovation 2024: The Board of Directors are continuing to update Our Church.

We Started with restrooms and now the kitchen will get a much needed renovation with more space and a serving counter. The Church Hall will get a new look with a new floor, ceiling tiles and fresh coat of paint. The committee has done a great job with the choices they have made. Walter Gebuza is doing a great job getting the work done.



Help Wanted for a **Treasurer**, and we are looking for someone with bookkeeping or accounting experience. If you know anyone who can help Our Parish, please contact Scott Walker at

sjjawalk@aol

KNEELING – We should not kneel or make prostrations in Church or in our private prayers at home from Pascha through Pentecost (this year, May 19). Kneeling and prostrating are postures of repentance and sorrow for our sins. The brilliant solemnity of the events that we are celebrating takes precedence over such external manifestations of penitence. For our Lord's death and resurrection "blotted out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us ... nailing it to His cross; and having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it." (Col. 2:14,15) Accordingly, "here is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus ..." (Rom. 8:1) We resume kneeling at appropriate times during the "Kneeling Vespers" celebrated after the Divine Liturgy for Holy Pentecost.



SPIRITUAL BOUQUET for Mother's Day on Sunday, May 12, 2023 Please complete the special Mother's Day remembrance envelope with the names of living mothers and/or deceased mothers whom you want to remember in a prayerful way was during the Sunday Liturgies on May 12th. All names will be read during the Two Sunday Divine Liturgies. Please return the envelope with your good-will offering by placing it in the

collection basket no later than Sunday May 5, 2024. Thank you.



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“Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.” (Troparion)

The fourth Sunday of Holy Pascha is observed by the Church as the Sunday of the Paralytic. The day commemorates the miracle of Christ healing a man who had been paralyzed for thirty-eight years. Today's Gospel reading confirms us more and more strongly in the divinity of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

The Gospels for the last two Sundays told us about the appearances of the Risen One. They were as if filled with the light of Christ's Resurrection: the wonderful appearances to the disciples, to Thomas, to the myrrh-bearers. But today's Gospel starts with a dismal, horrible picture: there is no brightness, no light. At the Sheep Gate there was a pool which had five porches. "In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered.... For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years" (Jn. 5:2-5).

Just picture this: thirty-eight years in such a terrible condition, in pain and suffering, without a doctor, without care, without medicine, and maybe even often without food. And this unfortunate man bore all this because he wanted to be well. He tried to enter the water after it was troubled, but he had no one to help him, was late, and did not receive healing. And so passed thirty-eight years. Why this is a human lifetime!

Suddenly everything changed. Jesus came up to him and said: "Rise, take up thy bed and walk..." and he walked (Jn. 5:8,9). What happened? What took place? What happened is that the reason for his sickness was removed. Christ revealed this reason when He met this man in the temple and said to him: "Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee" (Jn. 5:14). Here is the reason — sin. Sin is the reason for all evil, for all our sufferings, for all our sicknesses. Yes, sin...sin alone. And Christ is the only one who can destroy it, who can forgive. But this is under one condition: "Sin no more."

We have lived through the Passion days, we have lived through the very death of Christ, the death of the

Lamb of God, Who takes upon Himself the sin of the world. This means our sin, too. He, the Only Sinless One, has become the sacrifice for us before our Heavenly Father. And now we are walking in the Easter joy of the Risen Christ. And so week after week. But still we stumble, fall, sin. But let us not despond; let us turn to Him. The pool at the Sheep Gate was only a shadow of what Christ performed and is performing. He alone is the source of healing and forgiveness. He alone, as God, can forgive sins. Let us turn to Him, and He will say to us the same words He said to the paralytic: "Rise, take up thy bed and walk."

And we will rise and walk again in the light of His Resurrection. But let us remember His words to the paralytic, "Sin no more" And let us not sin, because Christ is Risen!

This poor man waited to be placed into the Pool of Bethesda after the troubling of the waters before Christ cured him of his paralysis of 38 years (mine has lasted only 37). And what did this man do upon finding out it was Jesus who cured him? He proclaimed it to the Jews. He did not remain silent about the unmerited gift of physical healing our Lord bestowed upon him. But what do we say about the far greater gift of Baptism that has been given to us? What words do we speak about the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ? If the Paralytic was admonished by Christ after his physical curing to "sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you," what awaits those of us who sin mightily after the curing of our souls? Do we fall down on our knees in Confession, seeking God's infinite mercy, or do we continue denying Him by our public words and deeds while thinking that "popping in" for Sunday liturgy and partaking in its attendant rituals will lead us to a better end than the Iscariot?

CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA - TODAY'S EPISTLE / GOSPEL LESSON :
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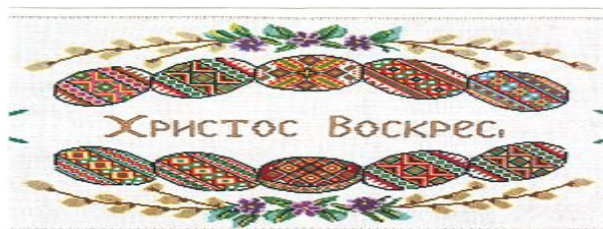
TUESDAY, APRIL 23 FEAST OF THE HOLY GREAT MARTYR GEORGE


Today is the Feast Day of Agios Georgios, a great and glorious Martyr of Christ, born of a father from Cappadocia and a mother from Palestine. Being a military tribune, or chiliarch (that is, a commander of a thousand troops), he was illustrious in battle and highly honored for his courage.

When he learned that the Emperor Diocletian was preparing a persecution of the Christians, Saint George presented himself publicly before the Emperor and denounced him. When threats and promises could not move him from his steadfast confession, he was put to unheard-of tortures, which he endured with great bravery, overcoming them by his faith and love towards Christ. By the wondrous signs that took place in his contest, he guided many to the knowledge of the truth, including Queen Alexandra, wife of Diocletian, and was finally beheaded in 296 in Nicomedia.

His sacred remains were taken by his servant from Nicomedia to Palestine, to a town called Lydda, the homeland of his mother, and then were finally transferred to the church which was raised up in his name. St. George survived several attempts to kill him. The first torture was him being placed on a wheel and as the wheel turned, St. George was pierced all over his body, but an angel came and healed him. They put him in a pit and covered him with lime and three days later they dug him out and he was unharmed. They put him in iron shoes with hot nails. Then they whipped him brutally. They poisoned him.

After all of this, Diocletian asked by what power he was able to survive all this and he said that Christ had saved him. Diocletian asked about what kind of stuff Christ had done and St. George mentioned all the miracles, including Christ's resurrections. Intrigued by the idea of resurrection, they took St. George to a cemetery and through a prayer, a body came out of the grave. Eventually St. George was taken to the pagan temple, where he called out the demons that inhabited the idols, which claimed they were not gods. Ultimately he was beheaded on April 23, 303 AD.



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