



**ST. PETER & ST. PAUL
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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-Palm Sunday Edition-

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-The Weekly Messenger-

April 13, 2025



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.

Web Site: www.stspucc.org

PALM SUNDAY

EPISTLE: Philippians 4: 4-9 GOSPEL: John 12:1-18

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 @ 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 2: When You entered the Holy City, O Lord,* as You hastened to Your passion to fulfill the law and the prophets,* the Hebrew children prefigured Your victorious resurrection; * they went before You with palms and branches, saying:* Blessed are You, O Savior; have mercy on us.

LITURGIES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK:

04/12	Saturday	9:00 AM	+ John and +Anna Colowitch- Foundation Liturgy
04/13	Sunday	8:30 AM	Health and Blessings for all Parishioners
		10:00 AM	+Paul John Mudry-Requested by Paul Mudry Blessing of willow branches and palms after liturgy and anointing with Holy Oil
04/14	Monday	No Liturgy	
04/15	Tuesday	No Liturgy	
04/16	Wednesday	No Liturgy	
04/17	Thursday		Holy Thursday
		6:30 PM	Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great
04/18	Friday		Holy and Great Friday
		3:00PM 6:00PM to 8PM	Vespers of Great Friday-Procession with Holy Shroud Confessions
04/19	Saturday	9:00AM	Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
		3:00PM	Blessing of Paschal Food: English
		4:00 PM	Blessing of Paschal Food Ukrainian
		7:00 PM 7 :30 PM	Recitation of the Rosary before the Lord's Tomb Graveside Service at the Tomb of Our Lord
04/20	Sunday	6:30 AM	Resurrection Matins
		8:00 AM	Easter Liturgy (Ukrainian)
		10:00 AM	Easter Liturgy (English)

BREAD & WINE		<i>In Loving Memory of Parents +John & +Anna G. Malinak by Anna May Malinak</i>
ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>None Offered</i>
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>In Loving Memory of +Stephen & +Stephania Cirkot, Grandmother +Mary Cirkot, & +Jack & +Mary Nyscot by Carol Stumpf</i>
SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		<i>In Loving Memory of the +Cirkot, +Nyscot, & +Stumpf Families by Carol Stumpf</i>

BREAD & WINE OFFERING RESERVED DATES 4/21/25-4/27/25 5/12/25-5/18/25	ETERNAL LIGHT LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 4/21/25-4/27/25 4/28/25-5/4/25 5/5/25-5/11/25	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 4/21/25-4/27/25 4/28/25-5/4/25 5/19/25-5/25/25	SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 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...

“We will be the happiest people in the world if we Belong to God, if we place ourselves at His disposal, if we let Him use us as He pleases.”

-St. Mother Teresa

“Many of life’s failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.”

- Inventor Thomas A. Edison

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

Upcoming Classes: April 13, 2025; April 27, 2025. 9:00 A.M. in the Church Hall.



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PARISH COUNCIL
Monthly Meeting
To be
Announced



Next Monthly Meeting of St. Peter & St. Paul Board of Directors

To be Announced
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 April 5, 2025: \$24.00.

Total Collected to Date: \$592.00 (absolutely amazing!)

Perohy Update: Avoid embarrassment at the Easter dinner table! Make sure you have enough perohy to serve your guests!

Another \$78.00 in sales was deposited last Sunday! There are only a few dozen left in the Church Hall freezers.

Sales Prices: Potato & Cheese - \$14.00 per dozen; Sauerkraut - \$15.00 per dozen. Thank you!

Easter Vigil: The Easter Season will once again be upon us, and as you well know the Holy Name Society provides its services to guarding the Crypt that Christ was laid in as did the Angels of over twenty centuries before.

The Holy Name Society is now recruiting its own angels, as in years past, to stand the watch.

Yes, we need your help for the Vigil, so the Holy Name Society, along with the Parishioners of Sts. Peter & Paul Church, can make our Church's Easter a glorious and holy season.

If you know of any parishioners interested in serving, or if you have any questions, please see Michael Wysowski, Jr. or any other Holy Name Society Member.

Please respond by Sunday, April 13, 2025.

Easter Paska Bake Sale Orders can be picked up today in the Church Hall after the Divine Liturgies.

Thank you for your support for this fundraiser!



Palm Sunday commemorates Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Its name originates from the palm branches waved by the crowd to greet and honor Jesus as he entered the city. In most Christian rites, Palm Sunday is celebrated by the blessing and distribution of palm branches similar to those that the crowd scattered before Christ as he rode into the city.

He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, the animal of peace, not on a horse, the animal of war, which symbolizes His entry into the city as the Prince of Peace, not the King of War.

According to the Gospels, as Jesus approached Jerusalem, He looked at the city and cried, foretelling His coming Passion and the suffering that awaits Him....

News Flash: Calling all the Young Ladies of our Parish Family!

Your participation is requested for the **Crowning of our Blessed Mother** on Sunday, May 4, 2025 at the 10:00 A.M. Liturgy.

Please register with Mrs. Susan Monks via E-Mail at shsmonks@hotmail.com or by Text to (203) 257-2089.

Participants should wear a dress and report 15 minutes prior to the Liturgy for procession assembly. The actual crowning will occur during the Liturgy.

Thank you for supporting this important traditional ceremony. Mrs. Monks looks forward to hearing from you...



Spring is (Finally) Here!

As you begin your spring cleaning, cleaning out your closets, and filling your donation bags, would you kindly put your items aside for our Church's Tag Sale in September?

Now that the Church Hall has been renovated, we can now focus on planning our Annual Tag Sale.

In the past, we have been very successful and that is due to the generosity of our parishioners!

We will inform you as soon as dates of the sale and drop off are finalized.

Please contact Janine Bell or Donna Wright with any questions.

PARISH FUNDRAISER SALE! HANDMADE PALM CROSSES



For Sale before and after the Liturgies beginning Sunday, April 6, 2025.

A table will be set up with the Palm Crosses available for sale.

Donation \$10.00 each

While Supply Lasts! We will have a limited supply of Palm Crosses for available for sale. First Come, First Served! Don't miss out on these beautifully handmade Palm Crosses perfect for Palm Sunday, Easter, and Grave Sites.

PUSSY WILLOWS ARE ALSO

NEEDED FOR PALM SUNDAY: Parishioners who have pussy willows growing on their property are encouraged to pick them, place the branches in a container of water inside the house for a few days until the pussy willows have bloomed to the desired size, remove them from the water and trim them. Please bring the pussy willows to church on the before Thursday, April 10, 2025 so that they will be available for blessing and distribution during Palm Sunday. Thank You!

ST. PETER & ST. PAUL PARISH FAMILY



EASTER

DINNER



SUNDAY APRIL 27, 2025

After 10 A.M. Liturgy

BUFFET MENU:

Chicken Cutlets and Roasted Potatoes
Macaroni & Cheese
Mixed vegetables
Garden Salad / Bread and Butter
Desserts / Coffee / Tea / Drinks



Tickets on sale before and after each Liturgy starting:

Sunday April 6, 2025

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




Ticket prices: Adults- \$20

Children and Youth (18 and under) - FREE

Children and Parish Youth are invited to take part in the activities

Baked goods and monetary donations for this event are greatly appreciated!

For Tickets please contact: Josephine Sembrat, Beata Gebuza or Donna Wright

For your AD info, Call 203-734-3895	<p>WAKELEE MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME John S. Zaleski Director Virginia K. Hylwa Administrator</p> <p>203.734.1490 <i>Parishioners Serving Parishioners Over 90 Yrs.</i></p> 	For your AD info, Call 203-734-3895
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