



**ST. PETER & ST. PAUL
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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- Mother's Day Edition -

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-The Weekly Messenger-

May 11, 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.*

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Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

EPISTLE: ACTS 11: 19 GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

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 _____

**Saturday Vespers: Tone 2: When the Lord came to the well of Jacob, * the Samaritan woman entreated Him, saying: * Give me the water of faith, O Giver of Life,* that I may obtain the waters of baptism, joy and salavation.*
 O Lord, glory to you!**

LITURGIES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK:

05//10	Saturday	No Liturgy	
05/11	Sunday	8:30 AM 10.:00 AM	Health and Blessings for all Parishioners Mothers' Day Commemoration, For All Living and Deceased Mothers
05/12	Monday	No Liturgy	
05/13	Tuesday	No Liturgy	
05/14	Wednesday	No Liturgy	
05/15	Thursday	No Liturgy	
05/16	Friday	No Liturgy	
05/17	Saturday	No Liturgy	
05/18	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	John Gela requested by Dorothy Duda Health and Blessings for all Parishioners

BREAD & WINE		<i>Special Intentions & Blessings of Good Health by Anne Malinak</i>
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 5/19/25-5/25/25 6/23/25-6/29/25	SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 6/23/25-6/29/25
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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 IMPLORE 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...

“God could not be everywhere, and therefore He made Mothers.”

-Author Rudyard Kipling

“There is no role in life that is more essential than that of Motherhood.”

-Elder M. Russell Ballard

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

Upcoming Classes: **Class Dismissed!** School's out for Summer! See you in September!

First Holy Confession & Blessing of Communion Articles: Saturday, May 17, 2025, at 10:00 A.M.

First Holy Communion: Sunday, May 18, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. Liturgy.



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PARISH COUNCIL
Monthly Meeting
May 25, 2025



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

Sunday, May 25, 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 May 3, 2025: \$56.00.
Total Collected to Date: \$678.00 (truly amazing!)

Easter Dinner Update: On Sunday, May 4, 2025 Chairwoman Beata Gebuza turned over \$1,758.00 for our Parish Treasury (!) which represented the net profit from the Easter Dinner (total income of \$1,795.00 less “kielbasa cost” of \$37.00).

Included in the net profit was a \$50.00 donation from Father Peter!

Thank you, Father Peter, for your generous donation and thanks once again to all our parishioners who donated baked goods, food, candy, baskets and their time and talents to make this another successful event!

Today is Mother’s Day, a celebration honoring the mother of the family or individual, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society.

In the United States, the modern version of this holiday began in the early 20th century as a liturgical service by the initiative of Anna Jarvis. Anna organized the first Mother’s Day service of worship and celebration at Andrew’s Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia, which is now known as the International Mother’s Day Shrine.

In many traditional branches of Christianity, the holiday is associated with honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary, as we did in our Church last Sunday.

Happy Mother’s Day Wishes to all of the mother’s in our Parish Family! May God grant you many years!



May Crowning, Sunday, May 4, 2025



The Young Ladies of our Parish participated in a beautiful May Crowning of our Blessed Mother Mary on Sunday, May 4th after the 10 am Divine Liturgy celebrated by our pastor, Very Rev. Peter Shyshka.

Stephanie Warycha was the honored crowner this year. Other girls who participated were **Amelia Scukas**, **Zofia Pysarchyk -Smertiuk**, **Emilia Dmyterko**, and **Sophia Kostour**.

There was a reception following the Crowning attended by participants, their families and parishioners. A special thanks to Mrs. Susan Monks for organizing this event to honor our Blessed Mother.



...Father Peter and the participants pray before Our Blessed Mother...

May Crowning, Sunday, May 4, 2025



...Our Blessed Mother receives her crown from Stephanie...

May Crowning, Sunday, May 4, 2025



...A crowning achievement thanks to a dazzling group...

.....More Food for Thought on Mother's and Motherhood.....

“An ounce of mother is worth a ton of priest.” – Spanish Proverb

“The influence of a mother in the lives of her children is beyond calculation.” – James E. Faust

“The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world.” – William R. Wallace

“Mothers are like glue. Even when you can't see them, they're still holding the family together.” – Susan Gale

“It's not easy being a mother. If it were, fathers would do it.” – The Golden Girls

“Being a mom has made me so tired. And so happy.” – Tina Fey

“My mother's menu consisted of two choices: take it, or leave it.” – Buddy Hackett

“If at first you don't succeed, try doing it the way your mom told you to do it from the start.” – Unknown

“I'm amazed when I see mothers wearing high heels. If your children run off, you can't run after them.” – Claudia Schiffer

“When your children are teenagers, it's important to have a dog, so someone in the house is happy to see you.” – Nora Ephron

“A Mother's Love for Her Child is like nothing else in the World. It knows no law. It knows no pity. It dates all things and it crushes down remorselessly all that stands in its path.” – Agatha Christie

Solemn First Holy Communion

Sunday, May 18, 2025
10:00 A.M. Liturgy

Our Solemn First Holy Communicants:

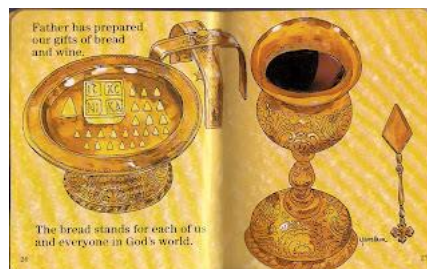
Ashtin Matthew Kutzscher
Son of Lisa & Steve Kutzscher

Darius Peter Proietti
Son of Jennifer & Adrian Proietti

Patrick Julian Scukas
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Zofia Antonina Pysarchyk-Smertiuik
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