



**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-  
May 31, 2026**

**Web Site: [www.stspucc.org](http://www.stspucc.org)**

## **First Pentecost Sunday**

**EPISTLE: Hebrews 11:33-12:2 GOSPEL: Matthew: 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30**

### **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 **last 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.***

**\*\*\*Recitation of the Rosary with Jennifer Walker\*\*\*** – Sunday Morning between the 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM Liturgies.





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 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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Tone 6: Through faithfulness the disciples of the Lord\* became instruments of the Spirit\* and were scattered to the ends of the earth\* to proclaim his sacred word and the doctrine of truth. \* From these roots, an army of martyrs blossomed forth\* by the grace of the divine Gardener. \* By their numberless torments and by fire, \* they initiated the holy passion of Christ, \* and now they intercede for our souls.**

**LITURGIES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

5/31	Sunday	8:30 AM  10:00 AM	<b>Health and Blessings for all Parishioners</b>  *** Recitation of the Rosary***  <b>+Barbara Lypen requested by William and Joanna Platosz</b>
6/1	Monday	No Liturgy	<b>Clergy Days</b>
6/2	Tuesday	No Liturgy	<b>Clergy Days</b>
6/3	Wednesday	No Liturgy	<b>Clergy Days</b>
6/4	Thursday	No Liturgy	
6/5	Friday	9:00 AM	<b>+George, Sue, Mary, Raymond, Margaret, Dorothy Dudik-Stevens' Families Foundation Mass</b>
6/6	Saturday	9:00 AM	<b>Katherine Klimkowsky-Foundation Liturgy</b>
6/7	Sunday	8:30 AM  10:00 AM	<b>Health and Blessings for all Parishioners</b>  *** Recitation of the Rosary***  <b>Alfreda Garbien-Requested by Dale and Monca Dimon</b>

Bread and Wine		<i>No Offering</i>
ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>In Loving Memory of +Julia Gyba by Beata Gebuza &amp; Family</i>
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>Good Health &amp; God's Blessings for Yaroslav Leshehishin &amp; Family, Roman Makar &amp; Family, &amp; Maria Makar by Maria Makar</i>
SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		<i>The Lawlor Family by Jack &amp; Sharon Perun</i>

<b>BREAD &amp; WINE OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 6/22/26-6/28/26	<b>ETERNAL LIGHT LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> <u>6/8/26-8/2/26</u> 8/10/26-8/16/26	<b>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> <u>6/8/26-6/28/26</u> 7/6/26-7/12/26	<b>SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> <u>6/8/26-6/28/26</u> 7/6/26-7/12/26 8/10/26-8/16/26
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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.



**PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE AND THE WORLD:** MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS, THROUGH THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL, SPREAD YOUR OMOPHOR ~ WE IMPORE 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...

“Know that we must serve not the times, but God.”  
-St. Athanasius the Great

“If your ship doesn’t come in, swim out to it.”  
-Comedian Jonathan Winters



Reminder for our Students and their Parents:

**Upcoming Classes:** Today, May 31, 2026 (last class until September!)

9:00 A.M. in the Church Hall. 10:00 A.M. Liturgy immediately following the class.

Thank you!

Ms. Sokol, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Fusco, ... and Father Peter.

Board of  
Directors  
Meeting:

May 31, 2026



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

**Today, May 31, 2026  
Following the 10:00 A.M. Liturgy**

All Parishioners in Good Standing 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 are very grateful for the time and effort of Mary Barbin, who continues to make this a successful endeavor!

Proceeds from the Week Ending May 23, 2026: \$9.00.  
Total Collected to Date: \$1,763.00 (truly amazing!)

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### **...Continuing Education with Father Peter...**

**Bible Study:** Friday evening, June 5, 2026, beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the Church Hall.

**Cantoring 101:** Friday evening, June 12, 2026, beginning at 6:00 P.M. in the Church Hall.

\*\*\* New “students” are always welcome! \*\*\*

**Due to the inclement weather this past weekend,** Father Peter postponed grave blessings and rescheduled the blessing of graves at our parish cemetery (weather permitting once again) to Saturday, May 30, 2026, immediately following the scheduled 10:00 A.M. Liturgy (beginning at approximately 11:45 A.M.).

There was a sign-up sheet on the table by the Church ramp entrance if you wished to have a family grave(s) blessed individually by Father. Thank you...

**It's that time of the year...**

**The 2026 Stamford Diocese Charities Appeal has begun!**

Notification letters and forms have been mailed to several parishioners residing out of state and out of town who have contributed to the Appeal in the past.

For regular Liturgy attendees, due to the rising cost of postage, notification letters and forms have been placed and are available for pickup on the table by the Church Ramp entrance.

Our goal is **\$7,500.00**. Let's try and reach the goal again this year!

Please see Father Peter or Michael Wysowski, Jr. if you have any questions, ...

**Jesus and Moses were out playing golf** at Grassy Hill Country Club one Sunday afternoon when they came to a par-3 hole with a long carry over water to an island green.

Moses tees off with a 3-wood and hits the edge of the green.

Jesus takes out his 5-iron and says, "I'm going to hit a 5-iron because Arnold Palmer would hit a 5-iron from here."

Jesus tees it up and hits his iron shot that finishes 25 yards short of the green and in the water.

Jesus turns to Moses and says, "Moses, how about parting the water so I can play my ball where it lies?"

Moses replies, "Not a chance in Heaven, Jesus. You foolishly chose the wrong club because of your Arnold Palmer fantasy and I'm not going to be a party to it."

Jesus shrugs it off and starts walking on the water to where his ball went in.

Just then, a foursome approaching the tee box sees Jesus walking on the water.

One of them asks Moses, "Excuse me sir, that man over there that's walking on the water, who does he think he is, Jesus Christ?"

Moses turns to them and says, "No, he thinks he's Arnold Palmer."





## *Baccalaureate Service*

**Baccalaureate Sunday will be June 14th, 2026, at the 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy.**

If you are a graduating student from either 8th grade, Ukrainian School, high school, college, or graduate school, we wish to invite you to be a part of our ceremony.

Please call or text Mrs. Donna Wright at (203) 278-2374 or e-mail her at [dpw613@gmail.com](mailto:dpw613@gmail.com) with the following information by **June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026**:

**Student's name:**

**Parent's name:**

**School you are graduating from:**

**School you will be attending:**

All participants are asked to meet at the back of the Church at least 10 minutes prior to the 10:00 a.m. Liturgy.

There will be a reception honoring the graduates in the Church Hall after the Liturgy.

Thank You!

Any further questions please call: Mrs. Donna Wright at (203) 278-2374.

# United for Ukraine: *A Night of Music & Hope*



## BENEFIT CONCERT & FUNDRAISER

Friday, June 5, 2026 • 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Thrive 55+, 102 Newtown Rd, Groton, CT

Join us for an evening of Ukrainian music, culture, and community featuring passionate Ukrainian performers in family friendly concert with universal appeal!

### Featuring Ukrainian Performers:

- **Kateryna Diachenko** – Celebrated vocalist sharing traditional Ukrainian songs and stories
- **Liubomyr Chermak & Igor Yuziúk** (*Nashi*)  
Pop duo from *Nashi* bringing a modern sound
- **Yevshan** – Premier vocal ensemble blending tradition and national identity







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