



**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.*

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Very Rev. Archpriest Edward Canon Young, Pastor

October 3, 2021



3 October 2021 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, The Holy Priest-Martyr Dionysius the Areopagite

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 11:31-12:9 Gospel: Luke 6:31-36 Tone: 2

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY–FRIDAY 10:00AM

SATURDAY: Not Now! 4:00PM (Vigil Sunday-Eng.)

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

Confessions are heard before each Divine Liturgy:

Saturday 3:00PM to 3:30 PM

Sunday 8:00AM to 8:30AM and
9:30AM until 10:00AM

Religious Education – Saturday 10:00AM – 11:00AM
Call Alice O'Doy @203-734-3055 for more information.

Preservation – Please use the form in church vestibule,
mail it to the church or bring it to Bob Jaskilka, Michael
Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young

Address or Name Change/New Phone Number –

Please update your records. See Bob Jaskilka, or
Michael Wysowski, Jr. to update this info.

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

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 10AM – Noon
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. 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.

Bob Jaskilka, or Michael Wysowski, Jr or Fr. Edward Young

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

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Virgin Mary's Lamp and Sacred Heart Lamp* also available
for offering! Offered to light for a week is 10.00, each.

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All start on Monday to Sunday!

***Offering must be made when dates are reserved!**

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# _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____




(Please come down to the Basement to be properly registered after or before liturgy)



A Prayer for America: Father, we beg Your blessing for the Right to Life, the Unborn, the weak, the sick and the old; all who are finding themselves being targets of the vicious culture of death; that our Lord Jesus bless and protect all who stand up for the Christian dignity of persons. That God enlighten those who are traveling down death's highway by their involvement, in any way, with either the contemporary death culture, selfishness, relativism, or any of the new age errors of our times, that God envelop our culture with His Divine protection and help us both individually and as a nation to true enlightenment,

conversion and repentance of ourselves and our culture. Help us to turn from our national sin of abortion, and return to, and once again become a Christian nation, on the narrow road, that is, the path to becoming a nation and culture, under God. Amen.

<i>Bread and Wine Offering - In loving memory +Anna Garbera. Malinak by Son, Daughter and Family</i>			
10/02	Saturday		No Liturgy
10/03	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	+Mary Wysowski req. by son Michael Wysowski Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян
10/04	Monday		No Liturgy
10/05	Tuesday		Eparchy of Stamford Fall Clergy Days Soyuzivka
10/06	Wednesday		Eparchy of Stamford Fall Clergy Days Soyuzivka
10/07	Thursday		Eparchy of Stamford Fall Clergy Days Soyuzivka
10/08	Friday		No Liturgy
10/09	Saturday		No Liturgy
10/10	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян +Anna Garbera. Malinak by Son, Daughter and Family

ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>In loving memory +Marilyn Michel by Karen Wilson</i>	
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>In loving memory +Anna Garbera Malinak by Son & Daughter</i>	
SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP		<i>In loving memory +Anna Garbera. Malinak by Son, Daughter and Family</i>	
BREAD & WINE OFFERING RESERVED DATES 10/25/21-10/31/21 11/1/21-11/7/21 12/20/21/12/26/21	ETERNAL LIGHT LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 10/18/21-10/24/21 11/1/21-11/7/21 11/8/21-11/14/21 11/22/21-11/28/21 12/20/21-12/26/21	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 10/11/21-10/17/21 10/18/21-10/24/21 10/25/21-10/31/21 11/1/21-11/7/21 11/8/21-11/14/21 11/22/21-11/28/21 12/20/21-12/26/21	SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 11/15/21-11/21/21 12/20/21-12/26/21

2021 & Past Church Dues (Blue Book) (Kollekta)

During Lent & every Saturday & Sunday dues current & past will be collected in the church hall after 8:30 AM & 10AM Sunday Liturgies.

Please bring your dues book to the church hall dues will not be collected in the rectory

Back on January 25, 2005 the Parish Council voted to increase the yearly dues to \$75.00 per member. This is the first increase since 1998. The number of upcoming projects that are needed to keep the church building in good repairs, such as painting, doors, walls, fixing the roof, warranted this increase.

Do not place dues in your weekly envelope offering !

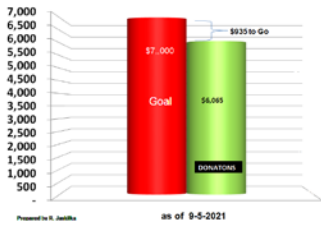
Please remember - this is not our church but YOUR church!

Please fulfill your responsibility to your Church!!

Friendly Reminder - 2021 & Past Church Dues are due during lent to support your church to pay our obligations to keep the church running such as salaries; electricity; oil ; gas; water ; and continual maintenance; repair of the church, rectory and cemetery; insurance ; chancery fees; and telephone just to name a few.

**At Divine Liturgy and All other Services
Masks are required and social distancing will be enforced !!!**

2021 BISHOPS APPEAL



2021 STAMFORD CHARITIES DIOCESE APPEAL

The month of October 2021 continues the Stamford Diocese Charities Appeal for **2021**. This fund provides support for many programs in the Diocese as indicated in the Sower. Our offering reminds us that we are members of a greater body of the Church that operates beyond the barriers of our local parish and that each one of us has a role to play in the Church's mission of evangelization and sanctification. Please note: that at this time our seminary in Stamford is growing and needs your support. You have received by mail your request for support. Please help this fund as you have in the past.

Please do not send your donation to Stamford!!! Do not use Paypal !!!

Donations \$6,065 or 86.6% to go \$935.00 This week \$0.00

Have you forgot your donation we are so very close.....

The 2021 Stamford Diocesan Charities Appeal form has been sent. Please make checks payable to: "The Byzantine Rite Diocese of Stamford" and send or bring your donation to the church.

Cash is acceptable form for payment.

Since every parish in the diocese has been assigned a Goal for this campaign, **please do not send your gift directly to Stamford**. Our parish needs to be properly credited to meet its goal of seven thousand dollars. **We did not meet our goal in 2020**. While many of our regular contributors have fallen asleep in the Lord, it is even more essential that every parishioner consider such diocesan programs as vocations, religious education, evangelization, and stewardship worthy of personal charity.



+In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers parishioner **+Syzmon Gebuza**, 97, of Darien, who feel asleep in the Lord on September 21, 2021. Funeral Services were September 25, 2021 and interment was in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Derby .

Vichnaya jomu Pam'iat.

Donations in Memory of + Syzmon Gebuza as donated Total \$840.00

PRESERVATION FUND				CHURCH FUND			
MARIA		GAZDA	\$20.00	EUGENIA	& PETER	BYBEL	\$40.00
BEATA I		GEBUZA & FAMILY	\$50.00			CHOMYK FAMILY	\$60.00
MICHAEL	& JOLANTA	KOWAL JR	\$100.00	JAN	& STEFANIA	GEBUZA	\$100.00
LUBA		LYPEN	\$20.00	JULIA		GYBA	\$50.00
ALICE		O'DOY	\$20.00	JAROSLAW	& LEOKADIA	KUNCIK	\$30.00
WASYL	& JAROSLAWA	SEMBRAT	\$100.00	M/M PAUL		ODOMIROK	\$30.00
MICHAEL R.	& MARIA	TELEP	\$20.00	HALINA		PECYLAK	\$50.00
		TOTAL	\$330.00	JOHN	& HELEN	ZANOWIAK	\$50.00
				JENNIFER		ZANOWIAK	\$50.00
				M/M		KAPITULS	\$50.00
						TOTAL	\$510.00

Volunteers needed for Our 125th Anniversary

The parish will be celebrating Our 125th Anniversary in June 2022.

A committee needs to be formed to discuss ideas for this event.

If your interested please contact Bill Platosz platosz@hotmail.com or Scott

Walker sjjawalk@aol.com

Today



Sunday, at 9:30 AM there will be the Recitation of the Holy Rosary of Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. One of the intentions for our prayers will be for our parish, as we prepare to celebrate our 125th Anniversary as a Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church here in Ansonia,

Connecticut.

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Sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house.

June 28, 2021

Subject: **Need for Church upkeep and restoration**

Dear Parishioners:

In the year 2022, it will be the 125th Anniversary of the establishment of Saint Peter and Saint Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. His Excellency Bishop Paul Chomnycky, O.S.B.M., Eparch of Stamford, has approved Sunday June 5, 2022 to be present with us to celebrate this significant moment in the history of this parish.

This parish community has been blessed and has much to be proud of in its long history.

Sanctify those who love the beauty of Your House is quoted from the prayer from the end of Divine Liturgy. It speaks measurably of how the founders of this parish understood the importance of the beauty of God's Holy House.

We, as a parish family, will begin preparation for our 125th Anniversary. There are many needs to be met in our church because of its age. One is our church kneelers. The pads need to be replaced and the kneelers repaired. This is a very costly project, a goal of at least \$50,000. In addition, there are a number of structural issues with the upstairs church and downstairs that need to be addressed. For example, we just received a quote for \$10,000 for repairs that need to be done due to water damage.

In the past year, our church financial situation has been greatly affected because of the Covid19 pandemic. We have been unable to have fundraisers and weekly donations were tremendously low. Therefore, we are launching a fundraising initiative to attend to the many needs of our church.

All members of the parish are called to assist and be as generous as possible in this fundraising effort, following the example of the founding fathers and mothers of this parish, who gave selflessly to build our beautiful church building. We pray our efforts will help sustain our church building for us and future generations.

Enclosed you will find an envelope to make your donation and a stamped return envelope.

Do not use PayPal !

Please make checks payable to:

Saint Peter & Saint Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and wish God's blessings on you and your families.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Archpriest Edward P. Young, Pastor

Mr. Scott Walker, Parish President

You have received this letter in the mail. Please be so kind as to use the enclosed return envelope to the parish with your gift to your parish church. God Bless and Protect.

Goal \$50,000 – Donated to Date \$17,025 34.05% to go \$32,975

Church Up Keep and Restoration Donations: Donations \$650.00 by

		KOSTOUR FAMILY	\$200.00
PETER	& KAY	POZUCEK	\$100.00
CAROL A.		STUMPF	\$350.00



St Francis from a Byzantine Perspective Feast 4 October

Francis pierced by rays from the Seraph as he receives the Stigmata (Five Wounds)

October 4 is the feast of the “poverello” the poor man, Francis of Assisi, on both the Roman and Byzantine Catholic calendars. I was raised a Roman Catholic, and at my Confirmation I took the name of this wonderful saint as my patron. When my father retired from the police force, he was given an outdoor statue of St. Francis since he was the one who was called whenever a stray dog was found: they knew the dog would go right away to my father. We just have this knack that ties us to Francis, who is famous for many things, including his relationship with wild animals.

When men failed to heed his call, the wild animals did. Saint Francis was famously converted from a life of luxury and wealth to becoming the poorest of Jesus’ followers. Radically in love with Christ, a man who could kiss a leper covered with open sores, Francis said that he would bow before a priest instead of an angel, because of what the ministry of a priest brings to the world. An ordained deacon, Francis set Italy ablaze as sons and daughters of leading families gave up

everything in order to witness to Christ in absolute poverty: the men wandering the land preaching, the women living in poverty as the Poor Clare Nuns behind cloister walls. Francis’ deep love of Jesus led to him creating the living Nativity scenes, which gave us today’s many Christmas cribs, and to embrace Christ Crucified so well that he was given the five wounds to carry in his body. Birds listened to his preaching, the fierce wolf of Gubbio became a beloved pet of the city, and men’s hearts returned to God in an age of abandonment. Pope Innocent III saw Francis holding up the tottering church in a dream, and so he gave papal blessing to the creation of the first of the mendicant Orders. Our Metropolitan William is a former Byzantine Franciscan, we have one Byzantine Catholic friary in the US, and there is a flourishing community of friars in the Eparchy of Mukachevo. The simplicity and passion of Francis appeals to the Eastern Christian mind.

The wolf of Gubbio extends his paw to make his pact of peace with Francis. The wolf is buried in the church of St. Francis in Gubbio, and the skeleton shows that he was a formidable wolf indeed, of great size!

From my sermon today:

In today’s epistle, 2 Corinthians 15, Paul writes of himself, in defense against attacks by some opponents in Corinth. The first heaven consisted of the earth atmosphere where the clouds and birds were. The second heaven was where the sun, stars, and moon was. 3rd heaven – the dwelling place of God and the angels. God allows him to enter into heaven so as to strengthen him for the apostolate he had, which had many joys but a lot of hardship including stoning and flogging at the hands of his own people. So as to remain humble, he has a mysterious thorn in the flesh – nobody knows what it is though writers speculate constantly with absolutely no proof. But it is that thorn combined with prayer and dedication that has been the authentic Christian’s path ever since.

Francis knew a lot of suffering. He was a prisoner of war for a year, literally thrown into a dark hole of a prison, and when his eye problems became so bad that he was almost blind, the pope ordered him to undergo a very painful operation that did nothing to help him – but he wrote the Canticle of the Sun afterward, which begins: Most High, all powerful, good Lord/ Yours are the praises, the glory, the honor, and all blessing. Not what I would have been thinking of at that moment.

We remember him for his connections with animals – the birds who came to listen to him, the wolf who gave up killing people and animals in order to live inside the town of Gubbio. What does that mean though?

The Matins for his feast says: Having recovered the intimacy of old btw human nature and its Author, you reestablished the harmony between people and wild animals. – in other words, the wild animals found in him a restoration of Adam who had lived in peace in the garden of Eden, how we were meant to live originally. His canticles include brother sun and sister moon, but also sister poverty and sister death. He's no hippie jumping through the flowers – he suffered physical pain and blindness – but after 40 days of fasting, Jesus imprints on him the five wounds, the stigmata, for the first time.

His hands and feet were torn like the heads of nails, and a deep wound pierced his right side. Very painful, yes, but also a sign that Francis so loved Christ our God and Savior that he opens himself up to this suffering so as to carry a permanent reminder to himself and everyone near him of exactly what the poor man of Nazareth suffered, so as to redeem our poor selves, and he gives us a challenge – how much do we love, how simply do we live, how gentle are we?

Because of their humble witness, the Franciscans were given custody of the Catholic shrines of Jerusalem and Bethlehem by the Muslim rulers, a role they continue to today as the Custody of the Holy Land. Francis is the patron saint of animals, the environment and ecological studies, against dying alone, those who work with or care for animals, Santa Fe and New Mexico, Nambe Pueblo, San Francisco in California, and of peace.

You can read about the work of the Franciscans in the shrines of the Holy Land, in Latin rite schools and parishes in Israel, the West Bank and Jordan here: <http://www.custodia.org/>. Now with the crisis of ISIS/ ISIL their work in Catholic-Muslim dialog and among displaced Christians becomes all the more important.

Saint Francis, beloved of Christ, help us to grow closer to our dear Lord in simplicity, peace, charity, and joy!

PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE.

WHERE THERE IS HATRED, LET ME BRING LOVE.

WHERE THERE IS OFFENCE, LET ME BRING PARDON.

WHERE THERE IS DISCORD, LET ME BRING UNION.

WHERE THERE IS ERROR, LET ME BRING TRUTH.

WHERE THERE IS DOUBT, LET ME BRING FAITH.

WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR, LET ME BRING HOPE.

WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS, LET ME BRING YOUR LIGHT.

WHERE THERE IS SADNESS, LET ME BRING JOY.

O MASTER, LET ME NOT SEEK AS MUCH

TO BE CONSOLED AS TO CONSOLE,

TO BE UNDERSTOOD AS TO UNDERSTAND,

TO BE LOVED AS TO LOVE,

FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT ONE RECEIVES,

IT IS IN SELF-FORGETTING THAT ONE FINDS,

IT IS IN PARDONING THAT ONE IS PARDONED,

IT IS IN DYING THAT ONE IS RAISED TO ETERNAL LIFE.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PRAYERS

CANTICLE OF THE SUN

MOST HIGH, ALL POWERFUL, GOOD LORD, TO YOU BE PRAISE, GLORY AND HONOR AND ALL BLESSING.

TO YOU ALONE, MOST HIGH, DO THEY BELONG,

AND THERE IS NO MAN WORTHY TO NAME YOU.

PRAISE BE TO YOU, MY LORD, WITH ALL YOUR CREATURES.

CHIEF OF ALL IS SIR BROTHER SUN,

WHO IS OUR DAY; THROUGH WHOM YOU GIVE LIGHT.

BEAUTIFUL IS HE, RADIANT, WITH GREAT SPLENDOR.

HE IS A TRUE REVEALER OF YOU, MOST HIGH.

PRAISE BE TO YOU, MY LORD, FOR SISTER MOON AND FOR THE STARS.

IN HEAVEN YOU HAVE FORMED THEM, BRIGHT, PRECIOUS AND FAIR.

PRAISE BE TO YOU, MY LORD, FOR BROTHER WIND, AND FOR THE AIR,

AND FOR THE CLOUD, FOR CLEAR SKY AND FOR ALL WEATHERS,

BY WHICH YOU GIVE NOURISHMENT TO ALL YOUR CREATURES.

PRAISE BE TO YOU, MY LORD, FOR SISTER WATER. SHE IS MOST USEFUL AND HUMBLE, PRECIOUS AND PURE.

PRAISE BE TO YOU, MY LORD, FOR BROTHER FIRE, BY WHOM YOU LIGHT UP THE NIGHT. FAIR IS HE AND MERRY, MIGHTY AND STRONG.

PRAISE BE TO YOU, MY LORD, FOR OUR SISTER, MOTHER EARTH, WHO SUSTAINS AND KEEPS US.

SHE BRINGS FORTH DIVERS FRUITS, THE MANY-HUED FLOWERS AND GRASS. PRAISE BE TO YOU, MY

LORD, FOR THOSE WHO GRANT PARDON FOR LOVE OF YOU, AND

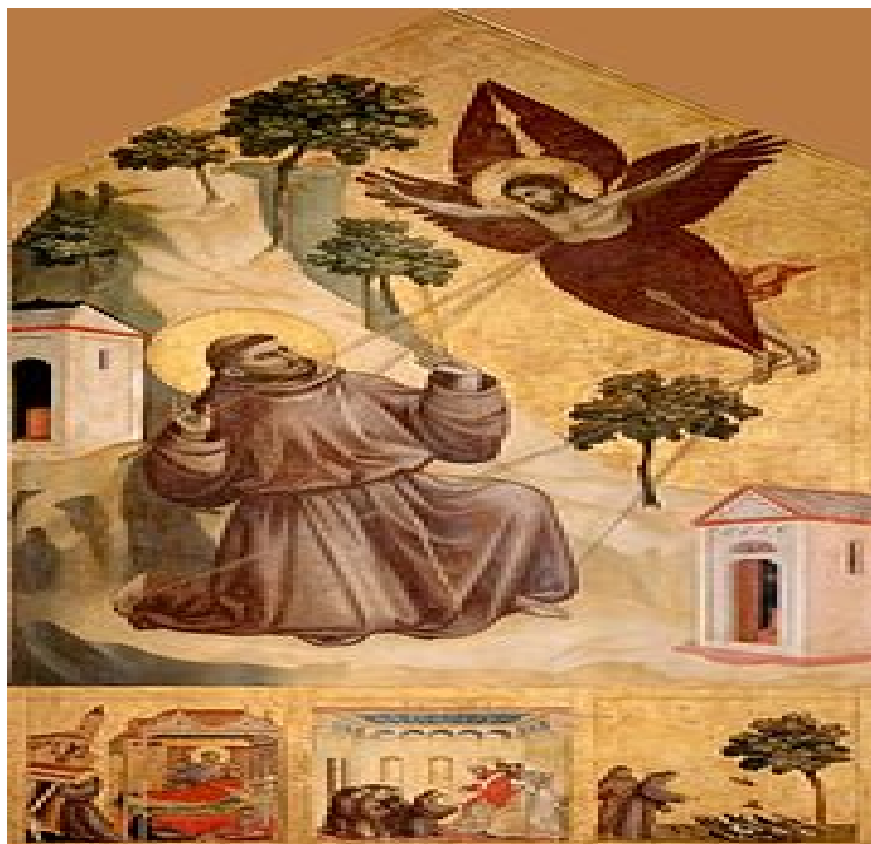
BEAR WEAKNESS AND BUFFETINGS. BLESSED ARE THEY WHO LIVE IN PEACE, FOR BY YOU, MOST HIGH, SHALL THEY BE CROWNED.

PRAISE BE TO YOU, MY LORD, FOR OUR SISTER, BODILY DEATH, FROM WHOM NO LIVING MAN CAN

FLEE. WOE TO THEM WHO DIE IN MORTAL SIN! BUT BLESSED THEY WHO SHALL FIND THEMSELVES IN

YOUR MOST HOLY WILL; TO THEM THE SECOND DEATH SHALL DO NO ILL. O CREATURES ALL! PRAISE

AND BLESS MY LORD, AND GRATEFULLY SERVE HIM WITH DEEP HUMILITY.



On September 14, 1224—feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross St Francis prayed: “O Lord Jesus Christ, before I die I ask you for two graces; first, that in my lifetime I may feel, as far as possible, both in my soul and body, that pain which you, sweet Lord, endured in the hour of your most bitter Passion; second, that I may feel in my heart as far as possible that excess of love which moved you, O Son of God, to suffer so cruel a Passion for us sinners.”

St. Francis pierced by rays from the seraph as he receives the stigmata (five wounds)

Eparchy of Stamford Fall Clergy Days 2021, this week, October 5-7, 2021 at the Soyuzivka Heritage Center, 216 Foordmore Road, Kerhonkson, NY 12446 will begin Tuesday and formally conclude after lunch on Thursday. Father Edward Young will be at the Clergy Days. If there is a great need to contact Father Edward please call his cell number which is 413-218-6404.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EPISTLE - 2 CORINTHIANS 11: 31 - 12:9 ~ GOSPEL - LUKE 6: 31 – 36 TONE 2



In today's Gospel Christ talks to us about some things that might sound strange, but should be an active part of our lives. Jesus encourages us to love our enemies and do good to them.

It would seem that if someone is my enemy, then why should I love them, and - even more so - do good to them? But Christ says to us: "as you wish that men would do to you, do so to them". If someone is our enemy and we repay them with goodness, their behavior could change sooner or later. When someone hates us, and we love them - they could understand that they do something wrong or bad. Maybe it doesn't happen immediately, on the same day or week, but when a person sees

good examples and the opposite action of what they do, they start to think about their lives.

Christ came into this world and showed boundless love to all people. He died on the cross for each of us. Today's Gospel says that God is "kind to the ungrateful and the selfish". God is kind to all of us. He values everyone, whether he/she is good or bad. Because He always waits when people are open to His love, come back to Him, to the home of their Father. And the same thing encourages us to do so. He encourages us to love all people.

Of course, we could not love our enemies as we love our children, parents, husband/wife or our relatives and friends. But we should forgive them, do not wish them ill, do them good, show them different and good examples.

It's hard to do. We, sometimes, can't forgive even people that are close to us. We are angry for ages if someone offends us. We remember the injustice, sometimes, our whole lives. And God says: "love your enemies".

Christ tells us these things and says that if we don't do this, if we don't show our love first, how are we different from the rest of the world? If we are Christians, followers of Christ, "light of the world" and "salt of the earth" - we should show it by our lives. We should show it, so that others can see who we are. And if we do good just for those people who do good to us, and don't care about others - how are we different from the rest of the world? If we love those who love us, Christ asks: "what credit is that to you?" if we lend to those from whom we know we receive back - what is our merit? If we do good just to those who are well placed to us - what is our merit?

Today's world is consumerist. Every company, each brand offers us something, that should be essential for us. There are different offers, sales... and very often we follow this world... listen to advertisements, watch TV, receive calls from different people who convince us to buy that particular product... and we buy and think that this is really necessary for us, that this thing could satisfy us, bring us some joy...

Today Christ also does some kind of advertising, He asks us: "do what I ask you to do, do not expect anything in reward and your reward will be great, you will be sons of Most High".

Thinks and consider for the value of something in our lives. This world offers us everything, and very often we want everything. And God offers us one thing - to live with Him forever. And we even never think about this. What is most important for us?

That's why I would like to wish all of us, if we want to receive this reward we should remember about this every moment of our lives. I would like to wish that the thought about life with God be present in our lives; that we love God, one another, our enemies; that we do good things to all and really be sons and daughters of the Most High, and live with Him every day, that He gives us here, on earth and for ever in heaven, that He prepared for each of us. Amen. (Excerpt of Fr. Andriy Mykytyuk homily)

CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA - TODAY'S EPISTLE / GOSPEL LESSON :

MERCIFUL: Page 75, Section 207; Page 129, Section 373 Page 157, Section 457 LOVE OF NEIGHBOR: Page 74, Section 204-205; Page 254, Section 781

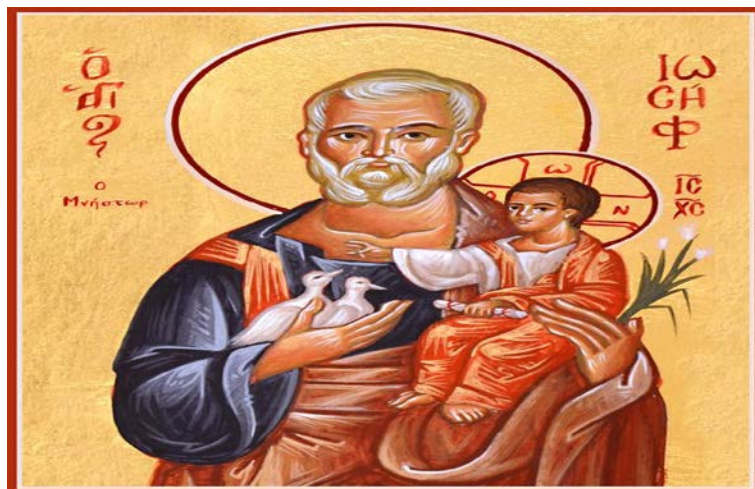
The month of October is dedicated to prayer for the end of legal ABORTION in America. Fr. Frank Pavone and the Priests for Life are asking that we pray the rosary during the Month of October for the end to Abortion and the overturning of Roe v Wade.

Our Catechism "Christ Our Pascha" addresses ABORTION beginning on Page 277, Sections 880-884;

Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, in his pastoral letter "Thou Shalt Not Kill", emphasizes: "Cases of parents killing their own children are particularly abominable, horrible and unnatural. But perhaps even worse cases are those when the child has not yet come into the world. The very fact that the crime is committed by that child's own father or mother and that the child cannot defend itself... all this makes abortion a most particular kind of crime".

PRAYER TO END ABORTION

Priests for Life invites every Christian to say the following prayer each day for an end to abortion. The prayer emphasizes our personal commitment to speak and act on behalf of the unborn child. Rather than simply asking God to do something, it acknowledges that God wants to accomplish His will through us. (Priestsforlife.org)? Lord God, I thank you today for the gift of my life, And for the lives of all my brothers and sisters. I know there is nothing that destroys more life than abortion, yet I rejoice that you have conquered death by the Resurrection of Your



Son. I am ready to do my part in ending abortion. Today I commit myself Never to be silent, Never to be passive, Never to be forgetful of the unborn. I commit myself to be active in the pro-life movement, and never to stop defending life until all my brothers and sisters are protected, and our nation once again becomes a nation with liberty and justice not just for some, but for all, Through Christ our Lord. Amen!

"NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH TO END ABORTION"

St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church and Guardian of the Blessed

Virgin Mary and the Child Jesus, the Son of God whom she carried in her Immaculate womb: intercede for us, we pray, that all recourse to abortion might cease in our nation and our world. As you cared for Mother and Child, care for all women who bear the gift of life in their womb. May no harm ever endanger them and may no choice ever threaten the blessing of human life that God has created within. Guard them with your loving protection, at every moment, until His will has been fulfilled. St. Joseph, spouse of Mary and foster father of the Lord, help us build a culture of life that yields a civilization of love among us.

Say the "Our Father," the "Hail Mary" and the "Glory be" after the novena prayer.

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