



**ST. PETER & ST. PAUL
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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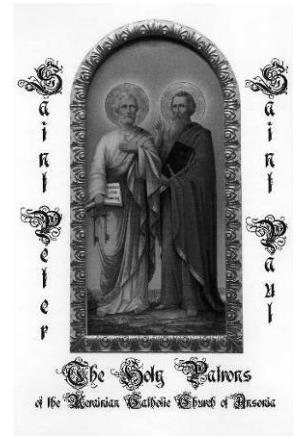
*Leaders of the Apostles and
teachers of the world, pray to the
Master of all to grant peace to the
world and great mercy to our souls.*

Web Site: www.stspucc.org.

Very Rev. Archpriest Edward Canon Young, Pastor
January 26, 2020

32nd Sunday after Pentecost - Sunday of Zacchaeus, Our Venerable Father Xenophon & his wife Maria

Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:9-15 Gospel: Luke 19:1-10 Tone: 8



DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY–FRIDAY 9:00AM

SATURDAY: 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)

O God, our Creator, all life is in your hands from conception until death. Help us to cherish our children and to reverence the awesome privilege of our share in creation. May all people live and die in dignity and love. Bless all those who defend the rights of the unborn, the handicapped and the aged. Enlighten and be merciful toward those who fail to love, and give them peace. Let freedom be tempered by responsibility, integrity and morality. Amen



Bread and Wine Offering - None Offered

1/25	Saturday	4:00PM	+Andrew Mikita req. by Mildred Driznus
1/26	Sunday	8:30AM 10:00AM	Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всix Парафіян +Anna Binkowski Petriw req. by Scott & Jean Walker
1/27	Monday		No Liturgy
1/28	Tuesday	9:00AM	Intentions of Volodymyr & Valentyna Nykichiuk
1/29	Wednesday	9:00AM	+Hnat & Julia Smeider & Deceased of family
1/30	Thursday	9:00AM	The Feast Three Holy Hierarchs, Basil the Great, Gregory the Theologian, & John Chrysostom +John Kohut
1/31	Friday	9:00AM	Health of Fr. Stefan Yanovski
2/1	Saturday	4:00PM	+Mary Elizabeth Koalchic Garahan req. by Joan & Jim Thomas
2/2	Sunday	8:30AM 10:00AM	Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всix Парафіян +Dorothy Brenia req. by Peter & Barbara Pysarchyk

ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>None Offered</i>
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>In loving memory of +Marilyn Michel by Karen & Alan Wilson</i>
SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		<i>None Offered</i>

Bread and Wine Offering Reserved Dates 2/3-2/9/2020 2/17/-2/23/2020 3/2-3/8/2020 4/6-4/12/2020 5/4-5/10/2020 6/1-6/7/2020 7/6-7/12/2020 8/3-8/9/2020 9/7-9/13/2020 10/5-10/11/2020 11/2-11/8/2020 12/7-12/13/2020	Eternal Light Offering Reserved Dates 05/11-05/17/2020 08/3/-8/9/2020 9/21/-9/27/2020 11/23/-11/29/2020 12/21/-12/27/2020	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 03/2/20-3/07/20 03/16/20/03/21/20	SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES None Offered
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2019 & Past Church Dues (Blue Book) (Kollekta)

During Lent & every Saturday & Sunday dues current & past will be collected in the church hall after the 4:00 PM Vigil and 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 windows, 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!!

ION BANK DONATIONS: Parishioners and friends who have a savings account at Ion Bank are encouraged to vote during the month of February or March, 2020 for Saint Peter and Saint Paul Church, so that our church would be able to receive a donation from the Ion Bank Foundation Community Awards Program. Ion Bank is a Connecticut Bank with a main office in Naugatuck and branches in Ansonia and Oxford. For information, please contact Michael Smerznak @ 203 734 6201



2020 ENVELOPES and CALENDARS

The envelopes for 2020 are in the church hall.

Please pick them up; **they will not be mailed.**

Any friends/relatives may also pick up their envelopes for delivery.

Also, **2020 calendars are here – one per family as long as they last.** The calendars were generously donated by John Zaleski of **Wakelee Memorial Funeral Home** **Thank you and mnohaya lita!**



ANNUAL PARISH CORPORATION MEETING
of Saint Peter & Saint Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church

is scheduled for **Sunday, February 16th, 2020**

in the church hall immediately following the 10 AM Divine Liturgy.

Snow date February 23rd, 2020.

All parishioners in good standing are urged to attend



Valentines for Veterans: All youth are invited to participate in a service project on February 9th 2020. Come decorate a Valentine for a Veteran currently hospitalized in the West Haven, Veterans Hospital.

**Where: Church hall after
10am Sunday Divine Liturgy**



The Seconds Banns of Marriage that Marianna Pysachyk of St. Peter and St. Paul Church Ansonia, CT will Marry John Michael Smertiuk of St. George Church New York, New York.



The First All Souls Saturday will be 15 February 2020

The names of our beloved deceased will be read after 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Перша Заупокійна субота Поминальна Субота, 23 лютого 2018 The First of Saturday of the Dead, All Souls Saturday, before the Sunday of the Last Judgment will be Saturday, 16 February 2020 The day before the Sunday of the Last Judgment marks a commemoration of all those who have departed this life and Gone to their rest. The other All Souls Saturdays will be March 7, 14, and 21st and then May 30, 2020. On these Saturdays will be Celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the Faithfully Departed followed by the reading of the names of our beloved deceased. Please, if you have names to add to your deceased list, please see that Father Edward has these names no later than Sunday, February 9, 2020. All Souls Saturdays



Sunday of Zacchaeus: The paschal season of the Church is preceded by the season of Great Lent, which is also preceded by its own liturgical preparation. The first sign of the approach of Great Lent comes five Sundays before its beginning. On this Sunday the Gospel reading is about Zacchaeus the tax-collector. It tells how Christ brought salvation to the sinful man, and how his life was changed simply because he "sought to see who Jesus was" (Luke 19:3). The desire and effort to see Jesus begins the entire movement through Lent towards Pascha. It is the first movement of salvation. Our Lenten journey begins with a recognition of our own sinfulness, just as Zacchaeus recognized his. He promised to make restitution by giving half of his wealth to the poor, and by paying to those he had falsely accused four times as much as they had lost. In this, he went beyond the requirements of the Law (Ex. 22:3-12).

The example of Zacchaeus teaches us that we should turn away from our sins, and atone for them. The real proof of our sorrow and repentance is not just a verbal apology, but when we correct ourselves and try to make amends for the consequences of our evil actions.

We are also assured of God's mercy and compassion by Christ's words to Zacchaeus, "Today salvation is come to this house" (Luke 19:9). After the Great Doxology at Sunday Matins (when the Tone of the week is Tone 1, 3, 5, 7) we sing the Dismissal Hymn of the Resurrection "Today salvation has come to the world," which echoes the Lord's words to Zacchaeus.

Zacchaeus was short, so he climbed a tree in order to see the Lord. All of us have sinned and come short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23). We are also short in our spiritual stature, therefore we must climb the ladder of the virtues. In other words, we must prepare for spiritual effort and growth.



SYNAXIS OF THE THREE HOLY HIERARCHS The word "Synaxis" means "gathering." On this day, the faithful gather to honor three important saints of the Greek Catholic Church: St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory the Theologian, and St. John Chrysostom. The word "Hierarch" refers to leadership in the Church. These three saints are honored for their leadership in teaching about the Truths of Faith. Because they stood up and defended Orthodoxy against false teaching, they are also called "pillars" of the Faith. During the eleventh century, people argued about which of the three hierarchs was the greatest. To end the disagreement, the three hierarchs miraculously appeared to St. John the Bishop of Euchaita in the year 1084, and said that they were equal before God. "There are no divisions among us, and no opposition to one another." To end the disagreement, Bishop John chose January 30 for their joint Feast Day. St. Basil and St. Gregory the Theologian were monks who were good friends to one another and studied the Holy Scriptures (the Bible) and the writings of the Fathers of the past. From all these works they put together a collection of Holy wisdom, called the Philokalia. This book has been a guide about True Faith teaching for centuries. **ST. BASIL THE GREAT** wrote a collection of rules for monastic life. Under his leadership, monasteries were organized for men and for women and the monks and nuns followed St. Basil's teachings. During the fourth century there was a heresy (false teaching) that threatened the unity of the Church. St. Basil defended Catholic Faith against any teaching that was not true. He has been compared to a bee, stinging the Church's enemies, yet nourishing his flock with the sweet honey of his teaching. Most importantly, St. Basil defended the divinity of the Holy Spirit and the Trinity of one God in Three Persons. St. Basil wrote many books about the faith, which are still read today. He composed a Liturgy, the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, which the Holy Church uses during Great Lent and certain Holy Days. Upon the death of Eusebius, the Bishop of Caesarea, St. Basil was chosen to succeed him as Bishop in the year 370. He used all his personal wealth to help the poor, including sponsoring the building of shelters for

wanderers and the homeless. St. Basil died on January 1, 379 at age 49. Shortly before his death, he blessed St. Gregory the Theologian to become Archbishop of Constantinople.

ST. GREGORY THE THEOLOGIAN is also called St. Gregory Nazianzus. He was the son of a bishop, also named Gregory, who was Bishop of Nazianzus. St. Gregory was ordained to the priesthood by his father. However, when the elder Gregory wished to make him a bishop, he instead went away to join his friend St. Basil as a simple monk at the monastery that Basil had organized in the town of Pontus. St. Gregory explained what it means to be a theologian. The word "theologian" refers to a person who knows God and can, therefore, teach others. He said that knowledge of God does not come from studying philosophy or science but from faith and prayer and living a pure life according to God's commandments. Like St. Basil, St. Gregory also defended Catholics against false teaching (heresy). On the night of Pascha (April 21, 379), a mob of armed heretics burst into the church and threw stones at the Greek Catholic people, killing one bishop and wounding St. Gregory. But St. Gregory Nazianzus did not fight heretics with weapons. St. Gregory had a gift for writing, and he offered his talent to God by writing many books and sermons explaining the Catholic faith. He also wrote poems and letters to encourage the people to love God and follow Catholic teachings. Because St. Gregory had been elected as Archbishop of Constantinople when certain other bishops were late coming to the Council and were absent from the voting, they did not want to acknowledge his right to be archbishop. He was not a proud man, and he felt that unity in the Church was more important than who would be bishop. Therefore, even though he had done nothing wrong, he resigned for the sake of peace in the Church. St. Gregory left Constantinople and spent the remainder of his life as a solitary monk. He continued to defend Holy Faith by writing letters and poems, while remaining in the wilderness. He died on January 25, 389 and was buried at Nazianzus. In the year 950, his holy relics were transferred to Constantinople into the church of the Holy Apostles. Later, some of relics were sent to Rome. St. Gregory Nazianzus is honored by the Holy Church with the title "Theologian," a title that is also given only to the holy Apostle and Evangelist St. John

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, was born at Antioch about the year 347. His father died, and his mother devoted herself to raising him as a Christian. When his mother died, he entered monasticism, which he called the "true philosophy." He lived four years as a monk in the wilderness and wrote books defending monastic life. For two years he lived in a cave in complete silence, but he became ill and returned to Antioch, where he was ordained a Deacon and then a Priest. For twelve years, he preached in church, and his words inspired people so deeply that he was given the name "Golden-Mouthed" (Chrysostom). To help people understand Holy Scripture (the Bible), he wrote many books and sermons explaining its spiritual meanings. He also wrote about the Feast-days and the lives of Saints, and he defended the Catholic Church against heresy (false teaching). Under St. John's direction, the Holy Church at Antioch provided food each day to as many as 3,000 widows and orphans, in addition to caring for homeless and sick persons. In 397, Archbishop Nectarius, successor to St. Gregory the Theologian, died. St. John Chrysostom was then elected Archbishop of Constantinople. St. John compiled a Liturgy, the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, which is served on most Sundays and Holy Days in Eastern churches. He introduced antiphonal singing for the all-night Vigil, and he wrote several prayers for anointing the sick with oil. When he criticized the Empress Eudoxia (the wife of the Emperor Arcadius) for vanity, he was exiled (sent away). That night, there was an earthquake, and the Emperor begged him to return. But when he objected to the Empress placing a statue of herself near the Church of Hagia Sophia, she exiled him again. Under military escort, he traveled for three months in the rain and cold. He became ill and died at Komani, Republic of Georgia, on September 14, 407. His last words were, "Glory to God for all things!" The holy relics of St. John Chrysostom were brought back to Constantinople in the year 438.

The Blessing of a Pothole

Paramedics in Gretna, Nebraska, were racing a 59-year-old man to the hospital because his heart was beating 200 times a minute. He would need an electric shock to return his heart to its normal rhythm, but the hospital was 20 minutes away.

Suddenly, the ambulance hit a tremendous pothole that delivered such a jolt to the vehicle that the man's heart rhythm returned to normal! One doctor explained that this kind of occurrence is extremely rare, but it can happen—and a man's life may have been saved in the process.

In life, it's easy to get distracted by the pursuit of money or comfort or power. As a result, we might lose track of what's most important. Then, we hit a metaphorical pothole — an unexpected occurrence or piece of news — that shocks us back to reality, restoring our natural rhythm.

Try to live in a way that you don't need potholes to remind you how precious your health, your loved ones, and all God's blessings are.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to You, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. (Psalm 19:14)

Guide my steps to live according to Your will, Father.

The Right Attitude

Eddie Luisi has worked in television for most of his life, most notably as “stage manager to the stars” on ABC's Good Morning America, but also as director of The Christophers' old television show. While giving a talk to students at Keokuk High School in Iowa, he shared one secret to his successful career: an excellent work ethic.

As an example, he recalled one of his first jobs in TV that started at 6:30 a.m. Luisi noticed that the producers “were coming in tired and cranky, so I got there at six in the morning and had some of the work done when they arrived.” His bosses noticed his commitment, positive attitude, and hard work, so when an opportunity for a promotion came up, he got it.

Luisi advised the students to approach their lives and careers in the same way. He said, “I've done the news, weather, sports...whatever they needed. I learned from every job, every experience, and I always treated everybody with kindness. Every person on earth should be treated with kindness.”

Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord. (Colossians 3:23)

Lord, instill me with initiative and a positive attitude.

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