



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

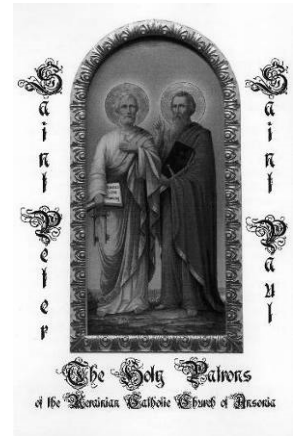
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*Leaders of the Apostles and
teachers of the world, pray to the
Master of all to grant peace to the
world and great mercy to our souls.*

Web Site: www.stspucc.org.

Very Rev. Archpriest Edward Canon Young, Pastor
February 2, 2020



Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, Tone 1; The Encounter of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ

Epistle 2 Timothy 3:10-15; Gospel: Luke 18:10-14; Tone: Sheet

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)

From Today's Matins: Glory ..., The gates of repentance, do You open unto me, O Giver of Life, * for early in the morning my spirit seeks Your holy temple, * bearing the temple of my body all defiled. * But as One who art compassionate ** cleanse it by Your loving-kindness and mercy. Now & ever ..., Guide me on the paths of salvation, O Mother of God: * for I have polluted my soul with shameful deeds * and wasted all my life in slothfulness. ** but by your intercessions * do you deliver me from all impurity

Bread and Wine Offering - In Thanksgiving for God's Blessing for Living & Deceased family of +Mary Homokowicz & +Michael Smerznak by Michael T.W. Smerznak

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
2/3	Monday	9:00AM	Deceased of the Brenia, Fetzko & Horney Families req. by families
2/4	Tuesday	9:00AM	Health Msgr. John Terlecky
2/5	Wednesday	9:00AM	+Mary & Andrew Koalchic
2/6	Thursday	9:00AM	+Michael Comcowich
2/7	Friday	5:00PM	Asking God's Blessing on the Marriage of Marianna Pysachyk & John Michael Smertiuk
2/8	Saturday	4:00PM	+Harry Gela req. by Dorothy Duda
2/9	Sunday	8:30AM 10:00AM	+Adele Comcowick Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всix Парафіян

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

Bread and Wine Offering Reserved Dates 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 2/17/20-2/23/20 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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2020 & 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, 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

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 Third 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.

Fast-Free Weeks: *Afterfeast of the Nativity of Christ to Theophany Eve - Dec. 25 through Jan. 4*
The week following the Sunday of the Publican & Pharisee, Bright Week - The week after Pascha until St Thomas Sunday
Trinity Week - The week after Pentecost until the Saturday before All Saints Sunday

Spiritual Regulations for the Great Fast

Although our Church traditionally prescribed abstention from meat and dairy products in days gone by for the entire duration of the Great Fast, the following are the minimal Lenten regulations today:

Abstinence from meat and all dairy products on the First Day of the Great Fast and on Good Friday. Abstinence from meat only on all Fridays of the Great Fast as well as Holy Saturday. It is also traditional to abstain from meat on Wednesdays during the Great Fast. Reception of the Holy Mysteries of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist during the period from the onset of Great Fast to the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday.

The Fasting and Abstinance regulations are not binding on persons 60 or older, the very poor, sick, nursing or pregnant women, children below the age of 14, and those who engage in physically very hard labor. However, all are urged, if able to do so, to observe the fasting and abstinance regulations.

All the faithful are urged to attend the Lenten services such as the Presanctified Liturgy and the Commemoration of the Deceased (Sorokousty).

Such good deeds as almsgiving, visitation of the sick, Bible reading and praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life are most earnestly recommended to all the Faithful.

Great Fast Liturgical Guidelines: The weekdays of the Great Fast are aliturgical meaning no Divine Liturgy, even for funerals, should be celebrated except for the Feast of the Annunciation. On Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be celebrated. The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is to be celebrated for Sunday Liturgies during this time. During Holy Week, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be celebrated Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. There is no Divine Liturgy celebrated on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On Holy Thursday evening, Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great should be celebrated. On Holy Saturday evening, Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is to be celebrated.



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

The Meeting of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Temple

Today the Church commemorates an important event in the earthly life of our Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 2:22-40). Forty days after His birth the God-Infant was taken to the Jerusalem Temple, the center of the nation's religious life. According to the Law of Moses (Lev. 12:2-8), a woman who gave birth to a male child was forbidden to enter the Temple of God for forty days. At the end of this time the mother came to the Temple with the child, to offer a young lamb or pigeon to the Lord as a purification sacrifice. The Most Holy Virgin, the Mother of God, had no need of purification, since she had given birth to the Source of purity and sanctity without defilement. However, she humbly fulfilled the requirements of the Law.

At this time the righteous Elder Simeon (February 3) was living in Jerusalem. It had been revealed to him that he would not die until he should behold the promised Messiah. By inspiration from above, Saint Simeon went to the Temple at the very moment when the Most Holy Theotokos and Saint Joseph had brought the Infant Jesus to fulfill the Law.

The God-Receiver Simeon took the divine Child in his arms, and giving thanks to God, he spoke the words repeated by the Church each evening at Vespers: "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to enlighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32). Saint Simeon said to the Most Holy Virgin: "Behold, this child is set for the fall and

rising again of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be spoken against. Yea, a sword shall pierce through your own soul also, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:34-35).

At the Temple was the 84-year-old widow Anna the Prophetess, daughter of Phanuel (February 3), "who did not leave the temple, but served God with fasting and prayers night and day. She arrived just when Saint Simeon met the divine Child. She also gave thanks to the Lord and spoke of Him to all those who were looking for redemption in Jerusalem" (Luke 2:37-38). In the icon of the Feast she holds a scroll which reads: "This Child has established Heaven and earth."

Before Christ was born, righteous men and women lived by faith in the promised Messiah, and awaited His coming. The Righteous Simeon and the Prophetess Anna, the last righteous people of the Old Testament, were deemed worthy to meet the Savior in the Temple.

The Feast of the Meeting of the Lord is among the most ancient feasts of the Christian Church. We have sermons on the Feast by the holy bishops Methodius of Patara (+ 312), Cyril of Jerusalem (+ 360), Gregory the Theologian (+ 389), Amphilocius of Iconium (+ 394), Gregory of Nyssa (+ 400), and John Chrysostom (+ 407). Despite its early origin, this Feast was not celebrated so splendidly until the sixth century.

In 528, during the reign of Justinian, an earthquake killed many people in Antioch. Other misfortunes followed this one. In 541 a terrible plague broke out in Constantinople, carrying off several thousand people each day. During this time of widespread suffering, a solemn prayer service (Litia) for deliverance from evils was celebrated on the Feast of the Meeting of the Lord, and the plague ceased. In thanksgiving to God, the Church established a more solemn celebration of this Feast. Church hymnographers have adorned this Feast with their hymns: Saint Andrew of Crete in the seventh century; Saint Cosmas Bishop of Maium, Saint John of Damascus, and Saint Germanus Patriarch of Constantinople in the eighth century; and Saint Joseph, Archbishop of Thessalonica in the ninth century.

On this day we also commemorate the icon of the Most Holy Theotokos known as "the Softening of Evil Hearts" or "Simeon's Prophecy." The Mother of God is depicted without Her Child, with seven swords piercing her breast: three from the left side, three from the right, and one from below.

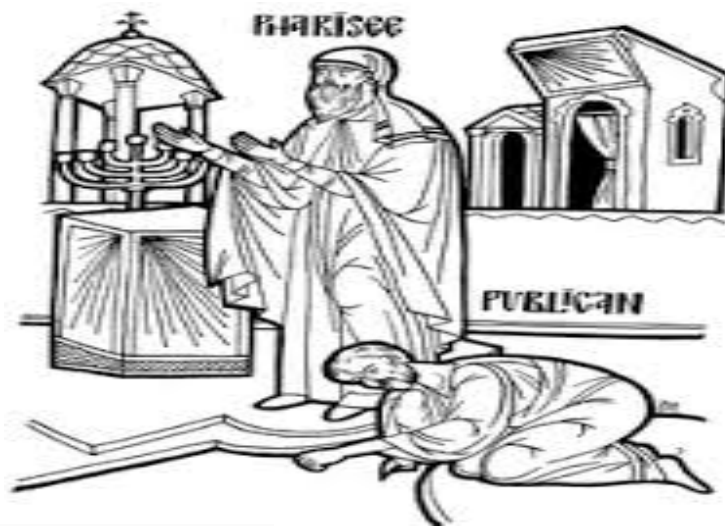
A similar icon, "Of the Seven Swords" (August 13) shows three swords on the left side and four from the right.



The icon "Simeon's Prophecy" symbolizes the fulfillment of the prophecy of the righteous Elder Simeon: "a sword shall pierce through your own soul" (Luke 2:35).

KONTAKION *In Tone 1:* By Your birth, You sanctified a virgin womb* and fittingly blessed the hands of Simeon.* You have come also now and saved us, O Christ our God;* give peace to Your community in time of war,* and strengthen its rulers, whom You love,* for You alone,* are the Lover of mankind.

IKOS: Let us run to meet the Mother of God, desiring to behold her Son whom she offered to Simeon. The angelic hosts were filled with awe as they beheld Him from their dwelling place and said: Now we see amazing and extraordinary wonders beyond comprehension and expression. The One who created Adam is carried as babe. The One who cannot be contained is held in the arms of the Elder. The One who is infinite in the bosom of the Father voluntarily takes on flesh in a finite manner, for He alone loves all people.



Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee *Beginning of the Lenten Triodion*

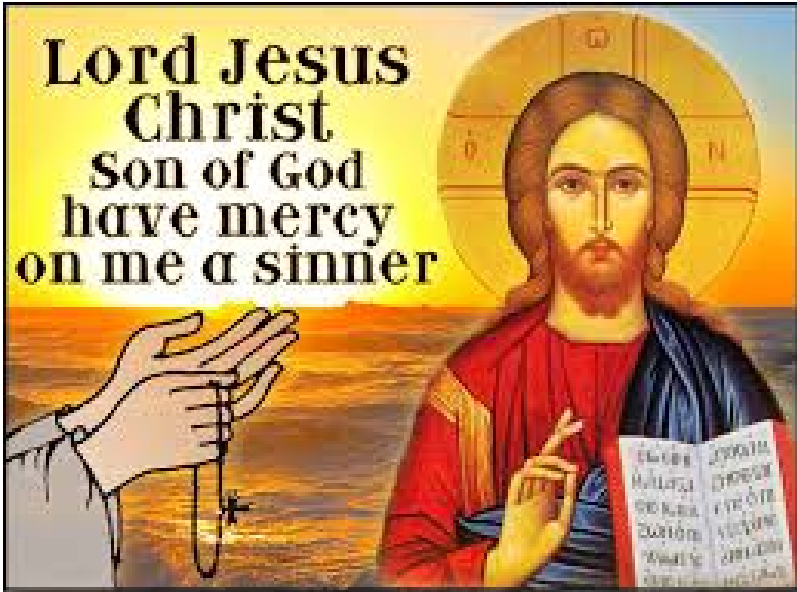
The Sunday after the Sunday of Zacchaeus is devoted to the Publican and the Pharisee. At Vespers the night before, the TRIODION (the liturgical book used in the services of Great Lent) begins. Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee who scrupulously observed the requirements of religion: he prayed, fasted, and contributed money to the Temple. These are very good things, and should be imitated by anyone who loves God. We who may not fulfill these requirements as well as the Pharisee did should not feel entitled to criticize him for being faithful. His sin was in looking down on the Publican and feeling justified because of his external religious observances.

The second man was a Publican, a tax-collector who was despised by the people. He, however, displayed humility, and this humility justified him before God (Luke 18:14).

The lesson to be learned is that we possess neither the Pharisee's religious piety, nor the Publican's repentance, through which we can be saved. We are called to see ourselves as we really are in the light of Christ's teaching, asking Him to be merciful to us, deliver us from sin, and to lead us on the path of salvation.

Kontakion from the Triodion in Tone IV Let us flee from the proud-speaking of the Pharisee * and learn from the Publican the loftiness of words of humility, * and with penitential lamentation let us cry aloud: 'O Savior of the world ** be merciful to us, and cleanse us Thy servants'. **Ikos** : Let us all humble ourselves, brethren; sighing and lamenting, beating our conscience, that at the eternal judgment we may be numbered with the faithful and the righteous, and receive forgiveness. Let us pray that we behold the place truly peaceful, where there is neither pain, nor sorrow, nor sighing from the soul, in the wondrous Eden fashioned by Christ, for He is God coeternal with the Father.

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**Standing at the Cross with the
Mother of God**
Lenten Spiritual Retreat
March 27 - 29th 2020
St. Mary's Villa, Sloatsburg, NY



Retreat Master: Msgr. Martin Canavan
Director of Spiritual Formation,
at Basil Seminary, Stamford, CT

Sponsored by the League of Ukrainian Catholics
Fee: \$180 includes meals, room, program
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**2020 Annual Lenten Retreat sponsored by the League of Ukrainian Catholics of America--
March 27-29, 2020**

St. Mary's Villa, Sloatsburg, New York: The dates for year's retreat are March 27, 28 and 29th. The Lenten Retreat is scheduled for beginning Friday evening at 7:30 pm. The retreat is open to all faithful.: For this year Msgr. Martin Canavan has accepted the position of Retreat Director. The theme for this year's retreat is "Standing at the Cross with the Mother of God". As we come to the close of the Great Lent and the beginning of the Great and Holy Week, we pause, gathered together in Jesus' name to reflect on Mary's (the first disciple) place at the Cross. In the light of her "Let it be done to me according to your word" at the Annunciation for Jesus's word from the Cross, "It is accomplished!" we attempt to better understand our place in the Love and Mercy of God poured out on us each and every day. The League of Ukrainian Catholics of America has sponsored and held their Annual Lenten Retreat at St. Mary's Villa Educational and Retreat Center the week-end before Palm Sunday for 42 years, providing all faithful attending the opportunity to spend time in prayer and to have the chance to satisfy their Easter confession obligations. This year's Lenten Retreat might be the last retreat held at The Villa as the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate are selling this property.

For the past forty-two years we have been so fortunate to be able to come on Retreat to St. Mary's; have been fortunate to enjoy the quiet and comfort of St. Mary's, away from our everyday cares and chores to leave all behind and spend a few days in prayer and in friendship. We have been blessed with the many graces received while on retreat and are thankful for the many clergy who have given their time to enrich our spiritual life year after year. For many years many members of this parish participated with League of Ukrainian Catholic and joined this yearly Retreat in Sloatsburg. This year's will be great with Msgr. Martin Canavan