



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

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**April 25, 2021**

**Fourth Sunday of Pascha – Sunday of the Paralytic, the Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark**

**Epistle: ACTS 9: 32-42 Gospel: - JOHN 5:1-15 Tone: Sheet**



*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.*

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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**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 the Vespers of this Sunday:** Jesus went up to Jerusalem to the Sheep Pool\* which in Hebrew was called Bethesda.\* And there lay a great multitude of sick people in its five porticoes;\* for the angel of the Lord went down at certain times and stirred the water,\* granting healing to those who approach in faith.\* The Lord saw there a man with a chronic illness,\* and He asked him: Do you want to be healed?\* The sick man replied:\* I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred.\* I have spent my money on physicians\* and received no help from anyone.\* The Physician of soul and body said to him:\* Take up your pallet and walk;\* proclaim to the whole world\* the greatness of My mercy and My mighty deeds.

**Bread and Wine Offering – None Offered**

04/24	Saturday	10:00 AM	Funeral <b>Roy Primachuk</b>
04/25	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян Good Health of Andrew req. by Family
04/26	Monday	6:00 PM	+ Barbara Lypen 40 <sup>th</sup> day req. by family
04/27	Tuesday		No Liturgy
04/28	Wednesday	10:00 AM	+Mary & Paul Mudry req. by Mudry Family
04/29	Thursday		No Liturgy
04/30	Friday	10:00 AM	+Mary Cirkot
05/01	Saturday	10:00 AM	Msgr. John Squiller 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary req. by Audrey Sokol & Alice O'Doy
05/02	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян +Antoinette "Toni" Jaskilka req. by Robert Jaskilka

ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>In loving memory +Antoinette "Toni" Jaskilka by Bobby Jaskilka</i>	
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>In loving memory +Antoinette "Toni" Jaskilka by Bobby Jaskilka</i>	
SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP		<i>In loving memory of +Maximilian Fedorko by Irene Henry</i>	
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**2021 & 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!!*

**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 maintiance; repair of the church, rectory and cemetery; insurance ; chancery fees; and telephone just to name a few.**

**Effective May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021** weekly bulletins may be picked up on the way **out of church**. They no longer be mailed to members who attend liturgy.

**EFFECTIVE THIS SUNDAY TEMPERATURES OF THE FAITHFULL: WILL NO LONGER BE TAKEN AS ONE ENTERS THE CHURCH BUILDING.**

**SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC**

**Epistle - ACTS 9: 32-42 ~ Gospel - JOHN 5:1-15**

*“Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs*

*bestowing life.” (Troparion)*

On this fourth Sunday of the season of Pascha, we remember Jesus Christ’s healing of the paralytic, the paralyzed man who had not been able to move for 38 years,



probably his entire life. He had seen others healed miraculously in a nearby pool of water, but he had no one to help him get there when the angel stirred the water. So he was stuck, unable to move, unable to heal himself, and unable to receive God’s blessing.

During this season of Pascha, when we remember Christ’s victory over death and sin, we want to become like this man who took up his bed and walked, who entered into a new life made possible by the mercy of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ. We want to participate in the blessing that Christ’s resurrection has brought to the world and to be transformed and healed by it. For like this man, we are too often paralyzed when we face difficult and painful life circumstances before which we feel powerless. We cannot snap our fingers and change our world, other people, or even ourselves. We cannot raise the dead, heal diseases, or otherwise make our problems go away. We are weakened by our habitual sins, our passions, or disordered desires and habits that keep us from experiencing the joy, peace, and freedom of life eternal.

Like this poor man, we have a law, a set of religious commands, but we often lack the strength to move ourselves to obey them. Sometimes we have carried burdens in our souls for thirty-eight years or longer; perhaps we cannot even imagine ourselves without anger, hatred, greed, lust, pride, self-righteous judgment, sloth or other sins that we know all too well. How often have we said, “I won’t act that way anymore. I won’t do this, I won’t say that, I won’t think this way. I won’t treat him or her as I have before.” But all too often, we lack the strength to change; the disappointing truth is that we are paralyzed by our sins and weakened by a lifetime of giving in to temptation. We may even have accepted the excuse that that is simply who we are and there is no point in even trying to change.

The good news of Pascha, however, is that the Risen Lord calls every single one of us to “Rise, take up your bed and walk.” His blessing is not for a select few, but for the whole world: all the living and the dead. The Lord has mercy on those who do not even know His name, like the paralyzed man. He asks only whether we want to be healed, for He never forces us. And to those who will

accept His mercy, the Lord promises the strength to rise, take up our beds and walk; in other words, He enables us to live a new life.

Yes, the formerly paralyzed man had to carry his bed, the reminder of his illness; but the miracle was that he could actually do that: he had the strength to stand up, walk, and carry something.

We are all given the ability in Jesus Christ to make progress in our lives, to become more like God, to grow in holy joy by using even our most difficult struggles as opportunities to trust more fully in the Lord, to take up our crosses, be purified of our passions, and to shine more brightly with the light of Christ.

Through our Savior's cross, joy has come into the all the world. And it is through our patient, faithful endurance of whatever trials, tribulations, and temptations we face that we will open ourselves to the joy, to the strength, to the life that has conquered even death itself.

So we rise, take up our bed, and walk. We may fall back into our paralysis, weakness, and fears more times than we can count. We may fall down ten thousand times, but Christ is always there to raise us up and give us a share in His eternal life.

Let us not only say "Christ is Risen!" this Paschal season; let us rise with Him, getting up from whatever sins have weighed us down, finding the strength in His resurrection to overcome our paralysis and weakness, to refuse to be shackled by fear, and move step by step, day by day, into the joy of His Kingdom. Now is the time to take up our beds and walk in the brilliant light of the empty tomb, for Christ is Risen! (*Excerpts from Ancient Faith.com*)

### **CATECHISM - CHRIST OUR PASCHA - TODAY'S**

#### **EPISTLE / GOSPEL LESSON :**

**HEALING** : Page 139, Section 406; Page 140, Section 407

Page 157, Sections 462-467

**NO KNEELING** – We should not kneel or make prostrations in Church or in our private prayers at home from Pascha through Pentecost (this year, May 23). Kneeling and prostrating are postures of repentance and sorrow for our sins. The brilliant solemnity of the events that we are celebrating takes precedence over such external manifestations of penitence. For our Lord's death and resurrection "blotted out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us ... nailing it to His cross; and having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it." (Col. 2:14,15) Accordingly, "here is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus ..." (Rom. 8:1) We resume kneeling at appropriate times during the "Kneeling Vespers" celebrated after the Divine Liturgy for Holy Pentecost.



#### **APRIL 25: FEAST DAY OF EVANGELIST**

**MARK:** St. Mark, the author of the second Gospel, was the son of Mary who was proprietress of the Cenacle or "upper room" which served as the meeting place for the first Christians in Jerusalem (Acts 12:12). He was baptized and instructed by St. Peter. Scriptural evidence and early Church tradition say he was the son whose house was often used for the meetings of the early Church, whose uncle was Barnabas, who accompanied Paul and Barnabas on their initial apostolic journeys and who eventually became St. Peter's companion and secretary. Mark was chosen by the Apostle Peter to be bishop and sent to Egypt to preach. And so Mark was the first preacher of the Gospel and the first bishop in Egypt. His symbol is the winged lion - one of courage.

**APRIL 25 - TODAY IS WORLD DAY**

**OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS !**

The purpose of World Day of Prayer for Vocations is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). As a climax to a prayer that is continually offered throughout the Church, it affirms the primacy of faith and grace in all that concerns vocations to the priesthood and to the consecrated life. While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), consecrated life in all its forms (male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life, consecrated virginity), secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life. (USCCB.COM)

### LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Our awareness and prayer for vocations should continue even more fervently and with the commitment to keep our prayers focused on the **Vocation Crisis**. We ask you to continue to fully commit to deep, sincere prayer for vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate, the monastic and religious life. As a community we should strive that our prayers be raised in unity ~ unity in mind, heart and soul, praying that the will of God will send workers into His vineyard.

#### \*\*\*\*\* DAILY PRAYER INTENTIONS \*\*\*\*\*

**MONDAY'S INTENTION** - Increased vocations to the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate

**TUESDAY'S INTENTION** - Prayers for all Seminarians to sustain their Vocations

**WEDNESDAY'S INTENTION** - Increased vocations to the Redemptorists

**THURSDAY'S INTENTION** - **VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD**

**FRIDAY'S INTENTION** - Increased vocations to the Sisters of St. Basil the Great

**SATURDAY'S INTENTION** - Increased vocations to the Order of St. Basil the Great

**SUNDAY'S INTENTION** - Increased vocations to the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God

☐ Daily, please add your private and personal intentions for our Church, our Hierarchy, Clergy, Religious and all who lead and serve Christ and all His faithful.

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

**H**oly Spirit, stir within us the passion to promote vocations to the consecrated life, societies of apostolic life, diocesan priesthood, and permanent diaconate and religious life.

Inspire us daily to respond to Your call with boundless compassion, abundant generosity, and radical availability.

Help us to remember our own baptismal call to rouse us to invite the next generation to hear and respond to Your call.

Inspire parents, families, and lay ecclesial ministers to begin a conversation with young Catholics to consider how they will live lives of holiness and sacred service.



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