



**ST. PETER & ST. PAUL
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May 24, 2020

24 May 2020 7th Sunday after Pascha. Sunday of the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea, Our Venerable Father Simeon of the "Mountain of Wonders"

Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36 Gospel: John 17:1-13 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 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)

Prayer for our Nation U.S.A: God our Father, Giver of life, we entrust the United States of America to Your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for Your glory and dwell among Your people. Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind Your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing Your will. Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, Patroness of our land, grant us the courage to reject the "culture of death." Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen



Bread and Wine Offering - None Offered

05/23	Saturday	Liturgies closed to the Public	<i>Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян</i>
05/24	Sunday	↑	Deceased Members of the St. Peter & St. Paul CWV 1677
05/25	Monday		+Judy Walker
05/26	Tuesday		+Olga Lar Susla
05/27	Wednesday		+John & Anna Colowitch
05/28	Thursday		Deceased of the Nock Decho Kopchik Family
05/29	Friday		Deceased of Kokariar – Meleski Family
05/30	Saturday	↓	5th All Souls Saturday Divine Liturgy offered for All the Faithfully departed followed by the reading of the names of our beloved Deceased
05/31	Sunday	Liturgies closed to the Public	<i>Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян</i>

ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>In loving memory of +Msgr John Squiller by Patricia & Earl Holtz & Family</i>
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>In loving memory of +Tekla Rzyzyk by Wasyl & Jaroslawa Sembrat & Family</i>
SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		<i>None Offered</i>

<p>Bread and Wine Offering Reserved Dates</p> <p>6/1-6/7/20 6/22/20-6/28/20 7/6-7/12/20 8/3-8/9/20 9/7-9/13/20 10/5-10/11/20 11/2-11/8/20 11/9/20-11/15/20 12/7-12/13/20 12/14/20-12/20/20 12/21/20-12/27/20</p>	<p>Eternal Light Offering Reserved Dates</p> <p>6/1/20-6/7/20 6/8/20-6/14/20 8/3/-8/9/2020 7/13/20-7/19/20 9/7/20-9/3/20 9/21/-9/27/20 10/12/20-10/18/20 11/2/20-11/8/20 11/9/20-11/15/20 11/23/-11/29/20 12/14/20-12/20/20 12/21/-12/27/20</p>	<p>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</p> <p>6/1/20-6/7/20 6/8/20-6/14/20 8/3/20-8/9/20 8/17/20-8/23/20 8/31/20-9/6/20 9/28/20-10/4/20 10/12/20-10/18/20 11/9/20-11/15/20 11/23/20-11/29/20 12/21/-12/27/20</p>	<p>SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</p> <p>8/3/20-8/9/20 8/17/20-8/23/20 8/24/20-8/30/20 11/9/20-11/15/20 12/7/20-12/13/20 12/21/20-12/27/20</p>
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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!!

Donation to the Preservation \$100.00 in **Memory of +Msgr John Squiller** by Audrey Sokol & Helene Sokol Cass

Responding to the outbreak of the global pandemic virus COVID-19, Public Services: All weekday and Sunday services will be celebrated temporarily without the participation of the assembly of the faithful. Our clergy will continue to celebrate and pray for you and with you vicariously. У зв'язку з пандемією вірусу COVID-19, Усі щоденні та недільні богослужіння тимчасово служитимуться в наших церквах без фізичної присутності громади вірних. Священники продовжуватимуть молитися за Вас і заочно з Вами

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Dear parishioners of St Peter and St Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church according to the directives of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of the USA all services will be done privately until further notice. The Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by the parish priest for all parishioners but without presence of the faithful. Sundays Fr. Edward is now live streaming Divine Liturgy from his Facebook page Edward Young Sunday Liturgy 10:00 AM and Also this coming Saturday 30 June 2020 at 9:00 AM will be Live Streaming Divine Liturgy for the Faithfully Departed. Please also, note Eparchy Stamford Site has information concerning Liturgies. If you and your family are not able to see Divine Liturgy online you must take time read the Holy Bible and pray at home as a family. Please call me on my cell or email whenever you need a priest. Confessions can be scheduled by appointment. Church will be open daily for prayer 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM each day of the Monday through Friday for prayer. May Almighty God Bless and Keep you all Safe and in Good Health. **God Save and Protect!**

DEAR PARISHIONERS: DURING THIS TIME THAT THE CHURCH BUILDING IS CLOSED TO PUBLIC WORSHIP. WE ASK THAT YOU CONTINUE TO REMEMBER THE NEEDS OF YOUR PARISH. PLEASE EITHER SEND YOUR DONATION BY MAIL WITH YOUR ENVELOPES OR YOU CAN USE THE PARISH WEBSITE (WWW.STSPPUCC.ORG) TO MAKE YOUR DONATION PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR ENVELOPE NUMBER ON YOUR PAYPAL DONATION. THANK VERY MUCH FOR YOUR KIND GENEROSITY. FATHER EDWARD YOUNG

One-Time Online Donation To make a **One-Time** online donation please use the following Donation Link.

+In Memory Please remember in your prayers Judy Walker, the mother of Scott Walker who has Fallen Asleep in the Lord, May 22, 2020. Please pray for her Eternal Memory. *Vichnaya yii Pam'iat.*

Our parish will have Baccalaureate Sunday on June 14, 2020 at the 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy of Thanksgiving. Although we will not be able to be physically together to celebrate the graduates of our parish this year, it is most important for us to honor them for their hard work and achievements. If you know of a graduating student from our parish from either 8th grade, high school, college or graduate school, please call Mrs. O'Doy (203-734-3055) or e-mail her at eodoy@hotmail.com with the following information.

Student's name:

Parent's name:

School you are graduating from:

School you will be attending:



*Baccalaureate
Service*

Thank You! If there are any questions please call Mrs. O'Doy at 203-734-3055



SUNDAY OF THE HOLY FATHERS OF THE NICENE COUNCIL

Epistle - Acts: 20, 16-18; 28-36 ~ Gospel - John: 17, 1-13

The seventh Sunday after the Feast of Holy Pascha is observed by the Church as the Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council. This day commemorates the 318 God-bearing Fathers who gathered in Nicaea in 325 at the request of the Emperor, Saint Constantine the Great, to address the heresy of Arianism together with other issues that concerned the unity of the Church.

Arius was a Protopresbyter of the Church of Alexandria, and in 315, he began to blaspheme against the Son of God saying that He was not the true God, consubstantial with the Father, that the Father alone is God and that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was made, not begotten, that He was the first creature the Father created before all worlds and ages. But, He was not Light from Light, true God of true God, of one essence with the Father. His essence, what He was, was created, not uncreated. These teachings shook the faithful at Alexandria. The Bishop of Alexandria, Alexander, attempted to correct Arius through admonitions, cut him off from communion, and finally deposed him in 321 through a local council. Arius continued with his heretical teachings, creating controversy and division in the churches of other cities, which led to a theological and ecclesiastical crisis throughout the Christian Church.

Moved with divine zeal and concern for unity, the Emperor Constantine the Great, equal to the Apostles, summoned the First Ecumenical Council in Nicaea, a city of Bithynia. It was in this place that the bishops of the Church gathered in 325. All of them, with one mouth and one voice, declared that the Son and Word of God is one in essence with the Father, true God of true God. The Fathers composed the holy symbol of Faith, the Nicene Creed.

God is Three Persons in one essence, one essence in Three Persons. The Father is fully God but He is not the Son. The Son is fully God but He is not the Father. The Holy Spirit is fully God, but He is not the Father or the Son. Three Persons, not one Person, who are yet one essence, not one God in Three essences. The Son is begotten of the Father; the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father. Note, the Cause of the Son and the Holy Spirit is the Father, not the essence. This dogma is revealed to us to produce in those who receive it true philosophy, love of the Father's Wisdom, who is Christ.

The main point is that God the Father is not just the Father of Jesus but He is our Father too. And that intimate relationship between God and Jesus can be the nature of our relationship with God too. That relationship was broken and damaged because of the sin of Adam and Eve and we ourselves have done plenty to perpetuate the problem through our own sins and passions. Thankfully, however, Jesus came and restored that relationship through His voluntary Passion, Resurrection from the dead and His glorious Ascension, which we just celebrated last Thursday.

The Fathers anathematized (condemned) Arius for his heretical beliefs and teachings, cutting him off from the Church.

Recognizing the divine Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council as heralds of the Faith after the divine Apostles, the Church has appointed this present Sunday for their annual commemoration, in thanksgiving and unto the glory of God, unto their praise and honor, and unto the strengthening of the true Faith.

The icon of the Sunday of the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council depicts Saint Constantine together with the God-bearing Fathers and Saints of the Church who attended the Council and affirmed the unity of the Faith through the Nicene Creed. The Fathers are shown holding the text of the Creed, also referred to as the Symbol of Faith. *(Excerpts from Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America)*

In the Nicene Creed, the holy Fathers set forth and confirmed the Apostolic teachings about Christ's divine nature. The heresy of Arius was exposed and repudiated as an error of haughty reason. After resolving this chief dogmatic question, the Council also issued Twelve Canons on questions of churchly administration and discipline. Also decided was the date for the celebration of Holy Pascha. By decision of the Council, Holy

Pascha should not be celebrated by Christians on the same day with the Jewish Passover, but on the first Sunday after the first full moon of the vernal equinox.

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

FAITH: Page 1, Section 1—5; Page 34, Section 74; Page 99, Section 283



Next Sunday—May 31— we will celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, also known as Trinity Sunday. For centuries, the Feast of Pentecost has embodied sincere joy, gladness, and spirituality. This is a very beautiful holiday because all homes and churches are decorated with green branches, herbs, and flowers.

Pentecost Sunday is celebrated on the 50th day after Easter and symbolizes the opening of God's triune nature: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Pentecost also represents purification, the victory of truth and virtue.

Since olden times Slavic people decorated their homes and temples with herbs and flowers. It was believed that greenery was the symbol of life.

During these days of our being isolated in our homes be sure to prepare your homes next week to celebrate Pentecost—decorate them with greenery as our Churches would be decorated, celebrate the joy of this day, the Birthday of the Church, with your loved ones.

The Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

and this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You sent" (John 17:3)

Our Lord Jesus Christ in His Gospel teachings is constantly calling all people to salvation and eternal life! This blessedness begins here in our earthly lives through the knowledge of "the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom He has sent", the Savior of the world".

To know does not necessarily mean that we see God, Who according to St. Paul, "no man has seen or can see" (I Timothy 6:13). The Holy Faith Church teaches that God's Being is Light-bearing and Inaccessible and "upon Whom the orders of angels dare not gaze." It is even more impossible for a sinful person to see the face of God. The vision of grace, to be able to see God's glory, was given to great and righteous people - the Prophets Moses and Isaiah (Is. 6:1-3), the Holy Apostles Peter, James, and John - on Mt. Tabor during the Transfiguration of our Lord (Matt. 17:1-2); the Apostle Paul, at his call to apostolic service (Acts 9:3-6) and other great saints of Christ's Church. But the Lord grants all people the opportunity to know Him through faith and a pure heart. He calls such people blessed and happy: "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God (Matt. 5:8)". However, man only attains a partial spiritual knowledge and vision of God. The Lord Jesus Christ taught that God's Light-bearing Being is known perfectly only to "he...whom the Son wills to reveal Him (Matt. 11:27)". In His Gospel, Christ the Savior says that God is Spirit (John 4:24), that He is our true Father, Creator, and Providence (Matt 10:30; Luke 12:7). He truly loves us and sent His Only-begotten Son for our redemption and salvation from sin and the Devil (John 3:16). God constantly bestows His benevolence upon us and directs our path towards salvation.

Sending us His countless blessings, He expects us to worship Him in spirit and truth and to sincerely love Him. God also wishes that all people with a heartfelt faith in Him strive to fulfill His sacred will as set out for us in the Gospel commandments, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved", the Lord says, "but he who does not believe will be condemned (Mark 16:16).

Our Holy Church has always called people to the saving faith of Christianity, as she does today, preaching through her priests the New Testament commandments and teaching them to live a Christian life. That is why we cherish our membership in the Holy Catholic Church and glorify our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, with gratitude. The Holy Apostles, the Fathers, and Teachers, placed everything true and saving into the Church of Christ, as into a great treasure-house. The Holy Church offers Christ's salvation through her teachings and in the Holy Mysteries without which a man cannot be saved. In order to receive the Gifts of Grace of God's Sacraments, the Holy Church demands firm faith and a pious life all Christians are called to know "what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God (Roamsn 12:2). St. John the Theologian preaches that every believer can know whether he or she has truly known God according to how they observe His commandments: "He who says, 'I know him,' and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him, (I John 2:4)", "God is Light" (I John 1:5), and therefore our life too should shine with Divine Light. Our God is "merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abounding in goodness and truth (Exodus 35:6)", and we should strive to be compassionate, patient, and merciful towards our near and dear ones in our lifetime. "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy (Matt. 5:7), says the Lord. The Holy church commands us to strengthen our piety by reading and listening to Holy Scripture, from which we will receive a saving knowledge of God and His Holy Will - good and perfect.

Let us pray to God with our whole heart that He may strengthen our weak will to fulfill his commandments and to open our minds to understand the Holy Scriptures. The knowledge of God and a heartfelt love of him, witnessed by our deeds, will surely lead us to blessed Eternal Life, which our Heavenly Father will grant us through the grace of His son, our Lord Jesus Christ.



God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst and wipe
away our tears,
that we may all deserve to be called your
sons and daughters.
Keep in your mercy those men and women
who have died in the cause of freedom
and bring them safely
into your kingdom of justice and peace.
We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Happy Memorial Day!

A Memorial Day Prayer: As our nation pauses today to remember those in the military who have given their lives for freedoms we enjoy, we pray you would have us all look to you for strength, comfort and guidance. Be with all who serve in our Armed Forces. Bless them and their families. Grant your loving protection. Let peace prevail among all the nations, O God. Especially let your mercy rest upon our land, even as we acknowledge with thanksgiving your past goodness on this country. If it is your will, preserve the lives of the men and women in uniform as they defend our citizenry. Most of all, we pray that you would turn the hearts of all - military and civilian - to your holy Word where we find the true peace for our sinful souls that surpasses all understanding. Keep us repentant of sin. Move us to know, take hold and treasure your saving grace. In this peace and hope for eternity, we pray.

With Gratitude and Honor: Gracious God, on this Memorial Day weekend, we remember and give thanks for those who have given their lives in the service of our country. When the need was greatest, they stepped forward and did their duty to defend the freedoms that we enjoy, and to win the same for others.

O God, you yourself have taught us that no love is greater than that which gives itself for another. These honored dead gave the most precious gift they had, life itself, for loved ones and neighbors, for comrades and country - and for us.

Help us to honor their memory by caring for the family members they have left behind, by ensuring that their wounded comrades are properly cared for, by being watchful caretakers of the freedoms for which they gave their lives, and by demanding that no other young men and women follow them to a soldier's grave unless the reason is worthy and the cause is just.

Holy One, help us to remember that freedom is not free. There are times when its cost is, indeed, dear. Never let us forget those who paid so terrible a price to ensure that freedom would be our legacy.

Though their names may fade with the passing of generations, may we never forget what they have done. Help us to be worthy of their sacrifice, O God, help us to be worthy. - J. Veltri, S.J.

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Seventh Week of Pascha Reading for this coming Week

Monday Acts 21:8-14; John 14:27-15:7

Tuesday Acts 21:26-32; John 16:2-13

Wednesday Acts 23:1-11; John 16:15-23

Thursday Acts 25:13-19; John 16:23-33

Friday Acts 27:1-44; John 17:18-26

Saturday Acts 28:1-31, John 21:15-25

PENTECOST - Sunday of
Pentecost: Trinity Sunday,
Descent of the Holy Spirit on
the Disciples
VESPERS: (1) Numbers
11:16,17,24-29; (2) Joel 2:23-
32; (3) Ezekiel 36:24-28.

MATINS: John 20:19-23.

LITURGY: Acts 2:1-11; John
7:37-52; 8:12



For Healing and Help in this time of Covid 19

For Healing: Gracious Lord, remember in your mercy those who suffer today. Give strength and encouragement to those who minister to their needs. Remember your promise not to let them be tested beyond what they are able to bear. Above all, give them the reassurance that you are with them as they walk through this valley of the shadows of death. And in your good time send healing of body and spirit. [*Name those who need healing or help in their suffering.*] In Jesus' name, Amen.

For the Sick: God of mercy, when I'm sick I often find it hard to pray. So I offer this moment of prayer when I'm well for all those who may now be too weak, too tired or too depressed to pray and to believe at this time in your goodness and mercy. May this be a healing moment for them, as it was for the woman in the Gospel who touched the hem of your garment. Amen.

Sr. Marguerite Zralek, OP

For Confidence in Prayer: O Jesus, your disciples often found you at prayer, and so they asked you to teach them how to do it. Help me to pray in confidence to the Father, just as you did. When I am facing my own agony of doubt and fear, pray with me so that I find courage and hope. When my life leads me to the cross, take my hand so that my heart stays strong. Most of all, strengthen my resolve to pray: Not my will, but yours be done. Amen.

For Confidence in the Future: Lord, you have been with me from the very beginning, and you will be there at the very end. Looking back over my life, I can see that you were with me even when I was unaware of your presence, guiding me and drawing me closer to you. Give me courage and confidence in my future, believing that your hand is upon me every day, whether I am aware of it or not. Amen.