



**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.

Fr. Ed Cell 413-218-6404

June 25, 2023

Web Site: www.stspucc.org

Very Rev. Archpriest Edward Canon Young, *Pastor*
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday of All Saints of Rus'-Ukraine.
The Holy Martyr Hyacinth.

Epistle : Romans 6: 18-25

Gospel: Matthew 8: 5-13 Tone Sheet

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY–FRIDAY 10:00AM

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM (Ukr.) & 10:00 AM (Eng.)
Confessions are heard before each Divine Liturgy:

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

Religious Education – Saturday 10:00AM – 11:00AM
Sunday After 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Call Audrey Sokol 203-924-1184 for more information.

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

Address or Name Change/New Phone Number
– Please update your records. See Michael Wysowski, Jr. to update this info.
Returned checks are subject to a **\$35.00 fee per check.**

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 1:00 to 3:00 PM 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. Edward 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. Robert Jaskilka,

Michael Wysowski, Jr or Fr. Edward Young
Eternal Light *– offered to light for a week \$10.00.
Michael Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young

Virgin Mary's Lamp and Sacred Heart Lamp* also available for offering!
Offered to light for a week is 10.00, each. Robert Jaskilka Michael Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young

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.

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Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____

From the Vesper of the Feast of St Peter & St Paul: With what spiritual songs shall we praise Peter and Paul? * They slew the godless tongues of idolaters. * They are fearful swords of the Spirit and notable ornaments of Rome, * nourishers of the whole world * and the God-inspired tablets of the new covenant. * Christ, in His great mercy, has proclaimed their honor in Sion. With what spiritual songs shall we praise Peter and Paul? * They slew the godless tongues of idolaters. * They are fearful swords of the Spirit and notable ornaments of Rome, * nourishers of the whole world * and the God-inspired tablets of the new covenant. * Christ, in His great mercy, has proclaimed their honor in Sion. Christ asked three times: Peter, do you love Me? * Thereby He satisfied the three-fold denial; * and Simon, understanding the mystery, cried to the Lord: * You know all things; You know that I love You. * After this, Christ said to him: * Feed my sheep, feed my lambs; * feed those sheep which I have fashioned for salvation with my own blood. * Therefore, O blessed Apostle of God, * beseech Him to grant us great mercy.

Bread and Wine Offering- God's Blessing for Fr. Edward 40th Anniversary of priesthood & Retirement

06/24	Saturday	10:00 AM	The Feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist +ANDREW AND MARY MUDRY
06/25	Sunday ONLY ONE LITURGY	11:00 AM	Asking God's Blessing for Fr. Edward 40 th Anniversary of priesthood req. by the Parishioners of St. Peter & St. Paul Parish
06/26	Monday		No Liturgy
06/27	Tuesday	10:00 AM	Feast of Bishop-Martyr Nykolai (Nicholas) Charnetsky and the Twenty-Seven Other New Blesseds of the Church of Rus'-Ukraine Beatified in 2001 ASKING GOD'S BLESSING AND PROTECTION FOR UKRAINE
06/28	Wednesday	10:00 AM	+Fr. Alexander Kenez
06/29	Thursday	10:00 AM 7:00 AM	<u>Feast Apostles St. Peter & St. Paul Holy Day of Obligation</u> Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян Deceased SS PETER & PAUL BENEVOLENT ASSM
06/30	Friday		No Liturgy
07/01	Saturday		No Liturgy
07/02	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян +Tekla Zanowiak req. by John Pisarczyk

ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>In Loving Memory +Alan Wilson by Karen Michel Wilson</i>
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>In loving memory of +Tekla Zanowiak by John & Helen Zanowiak & Family</i>
SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		<i>NONE OFFERED</i>

BREAD & WINE OFFERING RESERVED DATES 7/17/23-7/23/23 9/4/23-9/10/23 9/11/23-9/17/23 11/13/23-11/19/23	ETERNAL LIGHT LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 8/7/23-8/13/23 8/14/23-8/20/23 9/4/23-9/10/23 10/2/23-10/8/23 10/9/23-10/15/23 11/20/23-11/26/23 12/25/23-12/31/23	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 11/20/23-11/26/23	SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 10/23/23-10/29/23
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2023 & Past Church Dues (Blue Book) (Kollekt)

During Lent & every 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. ,
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!!

Over 32 letters have been **resent** to delinquent dues members of St. Peter & St. Paul totaling over \$27,000 - **Past Church Dues** are due 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. As spoken of during the 2022 annual meeting, February 19, 2023.

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, and the needs for Ukraine. In this time of Foreign Invasion prayers are needed for we are hearing of the deaths of some many Soldiers and Civilians each day. Please Pray for USA and Ukraine in this time of Great NEED!

God Save and Protect! Боже спаси і О Хорони!

Support
Ukraine



PRAYER FOR OUR NATION Lord, we pray for peace and unity in our nation today. Keep us in peace, O Christ our God, under the protection of your Holy Cross; save us from our enemies, visible and invisible, that we may glorify You with thanksgiving, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. We pray that You would inspire this nation to be a nation under God. Give us your hope. Give us your peace. Amen the Light of God ~ surround us. The Love of God ~ enfold us.

The Power of God ~ protect us. The Presence of God ~ watch over us.

The Mind of God ~ Guide us. The Law of God ~ direct us.

Wherever we are God ~ be our strength.

PRAY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE AND THE WORLD: MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS, THROUGH THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL, SPREAD YOUR OMOPHOR ~ WE IMPLOR YOUR PROTECTION OVER UKRAINE AND BEG THAT YOU INTERCEDE WITH OUR LORD TO GRANT PEACE.



PRAYER FOR THE DELIVERANCE OF UKRAINE IN TIME OF INVASION: O Lord God of powers, and God of our salvation, O God, who alone work wonders: look down with mercy and compassion on

Your humble servants, and out of love for mankind hearken and have mercy on us and on the land of Ukraine. For, behold, enemies have once more gathered together, in order to cause division and enmity. But You who know all things, understand that they have risen up righteously, and that it will be impossible to oppose their multitudes unless You show us Your help. Therefore, we who are sinful and unworthy pray unto You in repentance and with tears: Help us, O God, our Savior, and deliver the land of Ukraine for the sake of the glory of Your Name, that the enemy may not to say: *"Their God has forsaken them, and there is none to deliver and save them."* But let every nation understand that You are our God, and we Your people are always protected under Your dominion.



2023 STAMFORD CHARITIES DIOCESE APPEAL

The month of June continues the Stamford Diocese Charities Appeal for **2023**

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.

You have received by mail your request for support. Please help this fund as you have in the past.

The 2023 goal is **\$7,500.00** set by Stamford.

Please do not send your donation to Stamford!!!

Donations **\$2,575.00** or 34.3% to go **\$4,925.00** This week **\$275.00**

There will be collectors to take your donation for 2023 in the church hall

Ann Malinak \$100.00 Michael & Stefania Kowal Jr. \$150.00 Marsha Schuck \$25.00

We thank **Suma Federal Credit Union** for renewing their ad in our bulletin for 2023-2024.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
CELEBRATING THE SAINTS OF UKRAINE

EPISTLE - ROMANS 6: 18 - 23 GOSPEL - MATTHEW 8: 5 – 13 TONE 3

When the Lord says He has not seen such great faith even in Israel, one thinks of the Lord's word to his prophet, Isaiah: "This people draws near to me with their lips, but in their heart they are far from me." We need to look to ourselves in repentance and confession to consider if we are not the "people" who draw near to the Savior with our lips while in our secret heart we are far from Him.

It seems that a major teaching given to us on these Sundays following Pentecost is on faith. This morning, the Gospel story of the centurion illustrates St. Paul's teaching on faith in his letter to the Romans.

A centurion is a military man of worldly power and strength. In the ancient Empire of Rome, he was a commander of 100 troops – hence, he was called a "centurion". And yet, for all his might, the centurion in this morning's Gospel could not save his servant from the torment of his paralysis. Against sickness and death he was powerless. Knowing his powerlessness, the centurion in this morning's Gospel makes himself a slave of Christ, and his servant is healed just by the word of Christ.

So, what is this faith the LORD found in the centurion? There is no love for the LORD in the centurion's attitude. Perhaps he had love for his servant; but, perhaps it may be more likely that he was irked that his servant was "a paralytic in his house. As he will say: "I am a man of authority myself; I say to my servant, do this, and he does it." But, this servant was a paralytic. He could not do what the centurion ordered him to do. He was therefore useless to the centurion as a servant. What, then, might be the lesson of faith we might draw from our Scripture lessons this morning?

What we see in the centurion is awe, fear and respect for Jesus. The centurion's words give us the reason for the awe and fear he had towards Jesus. It is the power of the LORD's WORD. The centurion likens the LORD's WORD of authority to his own word of authority, as he says, "I myself am a man under authority and I have soldiers under me. I say to one, Go, and he goes; and to another, Come, and he comes. I say to my servant, Do this, and he does it." But, between the centurion's word and the LORD's WORD there is a big difference. The centurion's word cannot heal anyone. The centurion's word is the world's word of military might. It can destroy kingdoms and set up new kingdoms. It can subdue nations and make them slaves. It can build cities and establish great empires. But, it cannot heal the centurion's paralytic servant.

Jesus' WORD, however, can. It even raises the dead to life. This is what caused the centurion to fear Jesus, to look on Him with awe and wonder, respect and fear. Perhaps it was because he was afraid of the power of Jesus' WORD that he shows a certain anxiousness to keep the LORD at a distance. "Just say the WORD and my servant will be healed!" Don't come any closer! The centurion's faith, then, wasn't his love for Jesus but his fear of Jesus. But, the fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom. Fear of the LORD puts one on the Path of Faith, which, as St. John the Evangelist teaches us, leads to love of God, which casts out fear. For, in fear of the LORD, one begins to listen attentively to the WORD of His teaching. One begins to align one's mind, soul and body with the LORD's commandments. One begins to guard against the heart's inclination to drift back into heedlessness, laziness, easiness. One begins to work out one's salvation in fear and trembling and to bring one's soul into subjection to the WORD of the LORD.

There is a detail in this morning's Gospel that we perhaps should not overlook. It reveals the kind of sickness the LORD is healing this morning. It says that the centurion's servant was a paralytic. Paralysis was the spiritual sickness that afflicted Israel because of her idolatry. It rendered her, like the idols she worshiped, a spiritual corpse: "Having eyes, they do not see, having ears, they do not hear. They have hands that cannot feel, feet that cannot walk, mouths that cannot speak, throats that make no sound."

This is what it is to be a servant of the centurions of the world, a slave to the power of the world's words. It is to be an idolater, a spiritual paralytic who has ears that do not hear the WORD of God, eyes that do not see God as the Source of all Beauty, hands that do not work the works of God, feet that do not walk in the way of the LORD. The power of the world's words cannot cleanse us of our shame and guilt. It cannot heal us deep within. And so the world devises all kinds of strategies to numb us—to paralyze our conscience—from the guilt and shame that make us feel sick in our soul.

The faith shown by the centurion, then, was but the beginning of faith, fear. The LORD's indictment of Israel, then, is even more stinging. Israel doesn't even show the beginning of faith. But, do we? It was precisely through faith—in the fear of God, with faith and love—that we drew near the Font and were grafted into the New Israel, to become true Jews, inwardly, established as living stones in the Temple of the LORD's crucified and risen Body on the foundation of the prophets and the apostles, whose chief cornerstone is the Body of God Himself. Let us ponder the beauty of this Gospel this morning. The centurion was afraid of Jesus and would not have Him draw near. But, if we, in the fear of God, with faith and love, draw near, we receive Him as our Food, the medicine of immortality. We drink His Holy Spirit, the Fountain of immortality.

This, then, is the purpose of our life, our hope: to become slaves of God and so acquire His Holy Spirit and so become one with Him, alive in the fullness of His joy. (Excerpt from <https://www.sthermanmpls.org/>)

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

FAITH: Page 74, Section 203; Page 143, Section 416-417;

TURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2023 - FEAST OF STS. PETER AND PAUL

THIS DAY IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION FOR UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLICS

“Let us extol Peter and Paul, those two great Luminaries of the Church, for they shine brighter than the sun in the firmament of faith.” (Stichera for Vespers). We have officially arrived at one of the key feasts in the post Pentecost Liturgical year for Eastern Christians.

June 29th is the Feast of the All-holy and Praiseworthy Apostles Peter and Paul, our fathers among the saints.

Red is the liturgical color of the day. This commemorates the martyrdom of both the saints. Remembering the witness of the chiefs among the Apostles calls to mind the universal Christian call to witness to Christ's Sovereignty, even with our very lives. For Byzantine Catholics this is also a time to remember the Primacy of Peter as Pope and Successor of Christ. It is also a time for recognizing the collegiality and synodality of Eastern Churches. It is common to see images of Peter and Paul together in Eastern iconography. They are often embracing each other, or are standing apart with their token items. Peter will typically be represented as an older man, with short grey hair and beard. He carries the Keys to the Kingdom in one hand, and a scroll in the other, representing his Epistles or the Gospel message. Paul will be shown with brown hair (with a receding hairline), a long brown beard, a sword (representing the Gospel message and Paul's role as missionary) and a scroll, representing his Epistles.



From the Vespers of the Feast of All Saint of Ukraine: O St. Olha, morning star of Christ's gospel proclaimed in the city of Kyiv,* and St. Volodymyr, equal-to-the-Apostles, Baptizer of Rus'-Ukraine,* and all holy princes, God-pleasing leaders of our nation!* By your holy lives you opened the doors of divine truth and grace.* You strengthened the Church of Christ in our Ukrainian lands.* You are our constant protectors and intercessors, our honor and glory.* Therefore, may your names shine forth forever,* and may they be for us an inspiration* to faithfulness and perseverance in the holy faith,* for the salvation of our souls All the choirs of the hierarchs, mighty luminaries of the Ukrainian Church!* As faithful followers of the apostles and as good shepherds,* you faithfully preserved the flock entrusted to you;* you led it along paths of truth and carefully fed it with spiritual food,* not hesitating to give up your lives for your sheep.* Therefore, together with St. Josaphat, the priest-martyr,* implore the Chief Shepherd, Christ God,* for the Ukrainian nation's faithfulness to His commandments* and great mercy for our souls. Venerable fathers of the Monastery of the Caves, Anthony and Theodosius,* the first flowers of the Ukrainian Church,* and all

the countless righteous ones who followed after their steps,* dedicating their lives to God!* You shine forth as an example of Christian perfection,* and you teach us by prayer and self-denial* to configure ourselves to Christ God for the salvation of our souls.* Therefore, implore the good God, that we may be made worthy of your intercession,* and that together with you, through prayer and sacrifice,* we may obtain for Christ's Church and our Ukrainian nation* mercy and God's bountiful blessings.

Light in the Catacombs: Stalin's death in March 1953 and Khrushchev's "thaw" began a new period in the way of the cross of the UGCC: the catacombs. The main protagonists of this period of the Church's life were the bishops, priests, monks, nuns and faithful who had returned home from the camps and exile. Having survived unspeakable physical and moral tortures, they encountered a different western Ukraine: bloodless, frightened by the terror, deceived by the atheist-communist ideology, but in spite of all that it was still alive and waiting for the resurrection. These people who knew how to preserve in their hearts faith in Christ and faithfulness to their Church became little islands around which the gradual renewal of Church structures began. Thanks to the unbending character of the martyr bishops, the perseverance of the clergy and the faithfulness of the laity, the UGCC survived the period of official "liquidation," organized the underground and gave birth to a new generation

of Church leaders. For almost half a century it was the largest illegal Christian community in the world and at the same time the largest organism of social opposition to the totalitarian system of the USSR. *“And so take up every divine weapon so that you can stand fast during the storms and, overcoming everything, survive. Stand up, therefore, girding your thigh with truth and clothing yourself with the armor of justice ... But above all take in your hands the shield of faith, with which you will be able to defeat the fiery arrows of the Evil One. And take up the helmet of salvation and the spiritual sword, which is the word of God.”* – From a letter of Metropolitan Josyf Slipyj, written in exile, February 17, 1961.






Healer of Souls Bishop and Martyr **Mykola Charnetskyi** was born on September 14, 1884, in the village of Semakivtsi, Ivano-Frankivsk District. After he completed his studies at the local seminary in Rome, he was ordained to the priesthood in 1909. He obtained his doctorate in dogmatic theology from Rome and became a spiritual director and professor at the seminary in Ivano-Frankivsk. In 1919 he entered the novitiate of the Redemptorist Fathers in Lviv, and in 1926 he was appointed apostolic visitator for Ukrainian Catholics in Volyn, Polissia, Kholm and Pidliashia. A model religious leader and missionary, he zealously worked for the union of the Holy Church. He was ordained to the episcopacy by Bishop Hryhorii Khomyshyn in Rome on February 2, 1931. He was arrested by the NKVD on April 11, 1945, and sentenced to six years of hard labour in Siberia. According to official data, he underwent 600 hours of interrogation and torture and spent time in 30 different prisons and camps. Terminally ill, in 1956 he was permitted to return to western Ukraine, where he secretly continued to fulfil his episcopal obligations. In the midst of the cruelty and oppression which he

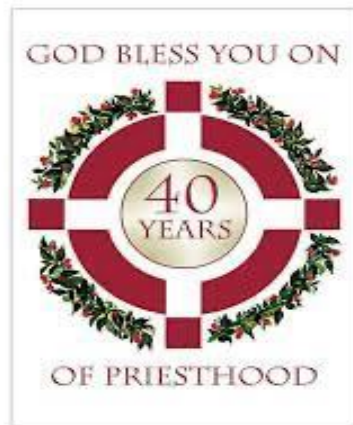
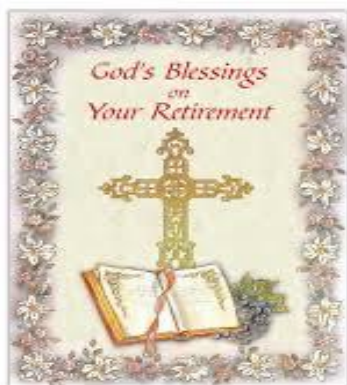
suffered in imprisonment and in exile, he was distinguished for his evangelical patience, gentleness and limitless goodness; already during his life he was considered a holy man. As a consequence of his sufferings, he died a martyr for the faith on April 2, 1959, in Lviv. *“I saw him. He was a very humble person. The first time I came for instruction from the bishop, he was sweeping the house. I wanted to help him, to take the broom, but he didn't let me. He himself swept. ‘Have a seat,’ he said. I was embarrassed that the bishop was sweeping, but I was sitting, because he wouldn't let me. He told how many priests who had signed over to Orthodoxy, came to him to confess nearly 300 priests, they repented and came to him.”* – From an interview with Father Vasyl Voronovskyi.



Bishop-Martyr Nykolai (Nicholas) Charnetskyi and the Twenty-Seven Other New Blessed of the Church of Rus'-Ukraine Beatified in 2001

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<p>Support those who advertise in our bulletin!</p>		

**Today we celebrate Father Edward Young's Retirement and
40th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination**





St. Peter and St. Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church
Tag Sale!

We are happy to announce that our first tag sale after COVID will be held on August 26!! This event is an important fundraiser for our parish.

Although we are still in the planning stages, we wanted to reach out to our parishioners for two reasons.

1. For this tag sale to be successful, we will need items to sell! As you clean out your closets, basements, and garages, would you kindly put your items aside for us? (Please no clothing!) As we get closer to the date, we will let you know when to bring items to church.
2. This is a HUGE undertaking! To make it a success, **we need your help!** We are forming a committee and will have a sign-up sheet on the table near the church entrance. Your help will be greatly appreciated! Many hands make light work!

If you have any questions, kindly contact:

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