



**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**

**July 2, 2023**

**Web Site: [www.stspucc.org](http://www.stspucc.org)**

**Very Rev. Archpriest Edward Canon Young, Pastor**

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost.. Placing of the Precious Robe of Our Most Holy Lady and the Mother of God in the Church at Blachernae in Constantinople. Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Verkhrats'ka Weeping Icon of the Mother of God**

**Epistle : Romans 12: 6-12    Gospel: Matthew 10: 1-8    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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**From Vespers:** Cleansed in heart and mind,\* let us keep the feast together with the angels,\* joyfully addressing the song of David\* to the Maiden Bride of Christ our God, the King of all!\* Let us say: Arise, Lord, into Your resting place,\* You and the ark of Your holiness,\* for You have adorned her as a palace of delight.\* You have given her, Master, as an inheritance to Your people,\* to preserve and shelter them by Your mighty power from their enemies\* through her supplications! O Mother of God, because of You\* David the Prophet became an ancestor of God,\* he foretold and sang a joyous hymn of praise\* and cried out to Him who worked wonders in you:\* "The Queen stood at your right hand."\* God revealed you as a life-giving mother,\* when He chose to be incarnate of you without a father.\* He renewed in man His image\* which the passions had corrupted.\* He found the lost sheep in the mountains,\* carried it on His shoulders,\* offered it to the Father,\* generously numbered it among the powers of heaven,\* and saved the whole world, since He is Christ of great and rich mercy.

*Bread and Wine Offering- NONE OFFERED*

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
07/03	Monday		No Liturgy
07/04	Tuesday		<b>No Liturgy Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July God Bless America</b>
07/05	Wednesday	10:00 AM	+Adlele Comcowich
07/06	Thursday	10:00 AM	+Bogdan Zalusky req. by Walter & Vlodja Zalusky
07/07	Friday	10:00 AM	+John Comcowich
07/08	Saturday		No Liturgy
07/09	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	+Teodora Guran req. by req. by John & Helen Zanowiak Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян

ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>NONE OFFERED</i>
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>NONE OFFERED</i>
SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		<i>NONE OFFERED</i>

<b>BREAD &amp; WINE OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 7/17/23-7/23/23 9/4/23-9/10/23 9/11/23-9/17/23 11/13/23-11/19/23	<b>ETERNAL LIGHT LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 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	<b>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 11/20/23-11/26/23	<b>SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 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.

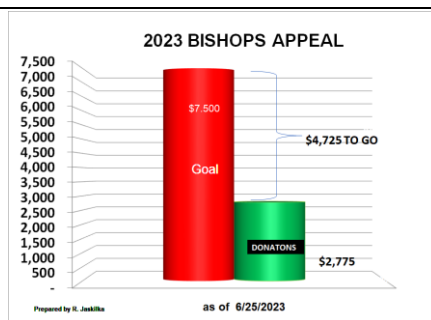
Wherever we are God ~ be our strength.

**PRAY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE AND THE WORLD: MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS, THROUGH THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL, SPREAD YOUR OMOPHOR ~ WE IMPORE 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 July 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 \$2,775.00.00 or 37% to go \$4,725.00 – 63% This week \$200.00**

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

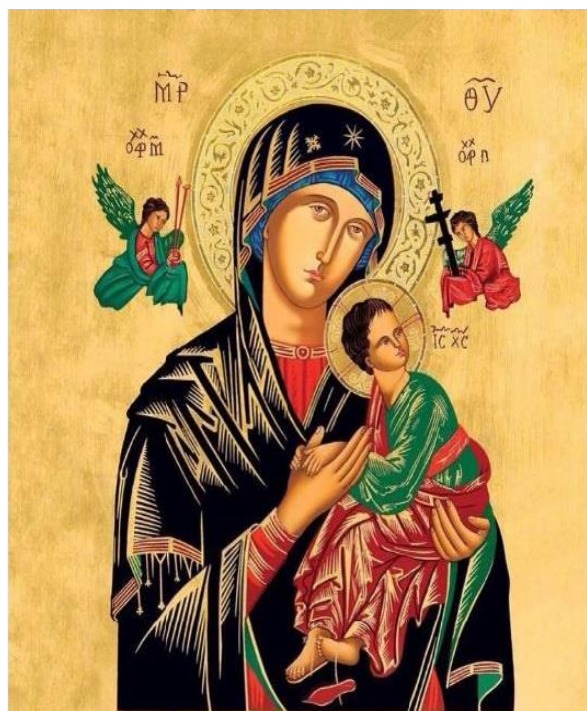
**Beata Gebuza \$100.00 Orisay Yanovski \$100.00**



LEAVING FOR VACATION: REMEMBER YOU CAN FIND A PLACE OF WORSHIP THROUGH THE WEBSITES FOR OUR UKRAINIAN CHURCHES IN THE MANY EPARCHIES WORLD WIDE. BE SURE TO USE YOUR GOOGLE SEARCH GOD BLESS AND BE WITH YOU AS YOU TRAVEL! Z BOHOM !



I MUST EXPRESS MY SINCEREST APPRECIATION FOR YOUR PRESENCE AT THE DIVINE LITURGY OF THANKSGIVING FOR MY 40<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION AND THIS TIME OF MY RETIREMENT. I ALSO MUST EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE CELEBRATORY MEAL AND YOUR VERY THOUGHTFUL GIFT FROM THE PARISH FAMILY, THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY, AND THE INDIVIDUAL GIFTS GIVEN. MAY ALMIGHTY GOD BLESS AND PROTECT ALL YOU. YOURS IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD AND GOD, FR. EDWARD P. YOUNG



Proclamation of the Feast of Mother of Perpetual Help for the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church On December 11, 2017, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, Major Archbishop of Kyiv and Halych, officially proclaimed that the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will celebrate the **Feast of the Mother of God of Perpetual Help every year on the first Sunday of July**. The decision to include the Feast of the Mother of God of Perpetual Help in the worldwide Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church was taken by the Major Archbishop and all the Bishops gathered in Synod in September 2017. It was proclaimed on the official website of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church on December 11, remembering that on this date, Pope Pius IX entrusted the Icon to the care of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer. With our Confreres in the Provinces of Lviv and Yorkton, we rejoice in this decision and celebrate with our Ukrainian brothers and sisters as they honor the Mother of God under the title of Perpetual Help. May Our Mother of Perpetual Help continue to accompany and pray for the people of Ukraine, **especially during this very difficult time of war**. The **icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help represents the Christian mystery of Redemption**. [Our Lady of Perpetual Help](#) is a

Byzantine icon that is believed to have its origin sometime during the 13th -15th century. The image is also known as “Our Lady of Perpetual Succor.” The icon is known for being miraculous; over the centuries countless healings and special graces have been attributed to it, so much so that the image has been honored and venerated by many Popes. The miraculous icon is painted on wood and measures about 20" in height (54 x 41.5 centimeters) and depicts the Virgin Mary, under the title “Mother of God,” holding the Child Jesus. The Archangels Michael and Gabriel, hovering in the upper corners, hold the instruments of the Passion. St. Michael (in the left corner) holds the spear, the wine-soaked sponge, and the crown of thorns. St. Gabriel (in the right corner) holds the cross and the nails. The intent of the artist was to portray the Child Jesus contemplating the vision of His future Passion. Frightened by the vision, he runs to his mother for consolation. The anguish He feels is shown by the loss of one of His sandals as he quickly flees into the arms of his Mother. Despite a foreboding vision of suffering, the icon also conveys the triumph of Christ over sin and death, symbolized by the golden background as a sign of the glory of the resurrection. The royal crowns on the heads of Jesus and Mary also symbolize their triumph as the King of Kings with his Queen Mother. In a very beautiful way, the Child Jesus grasps the hand of the Blessed Mother. He seeks comfort from His mother as He sees the instruments of His passion. The position of Mary’s hands – both holding the Child Jesus (who seems like a small adult) and at the same time presenting Him to us – convey the reality of our Lord’s incarnation, that He is true God who became also true man. **What Our Lady of Perpetual Help Means for Us** Just as the Child Jesus fled into the arms of his Mother when he was frightened, so too do we flee into the arms of our Blessed Mother with child-like confidence whenever fear envelopes our hearts. Just as the Virgin Mother consoled and comforted her Divine Child, so too does she console and comfort us, her spiritual children, in our afflictions. We can always come to her in our time of need and receive her help. In this iconography, Mary is represented as the one who guides us to the Redeemer. The Virgin Mother is also our Help who intercedes with her Son on our behalf. The star painted on Mary’s veil, centered on her forehead, highlights her role in the plan of salvation as both the Mother of God and our Mother. To this day, the Church of St. Alphonsus in Rome displays the original icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. They are the guardians and promoters of the holy icon, the only religious order entrusted with the task of doing so with a venerated image of Our Lady.

#### FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

#### PLACING OF THE ROBE, AND THE BELT OF THE MOTHER OF GOD IN BLACHERNAE

#### CELEBRATING THE MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

#### EPISTLE - ROMANS 10: 1 - 10 GOSPEL - MATTHEW 8: 28 - 9:1 TONE 4

We live in a time in which many people feel lonely and isolated, even if they are around others on a regular basis at home, work, and other settings. Sometimes that is because we hold ourselves back emotionally from the possibility of being rejected or harmed. Such separation is a symptom of the estrangement from God and one another which Jesus Christ came to heal. The demon-possessed men in today’s gospel reading represent Gentiles who were enslaved to the worship of idols and false gods. Their deliverance shows that Christ’s salvation is for all people, including those separated from others by the power of evil in their lives. When He set them free from their miserable isolation, the Lord required nothing of them in advance; instead, He graciously liberated them from the degrading forces of evil and restored them to a truly human existence. Here we see an implication of St. Paul’s instruction to the Romans: “Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.” At the very heart of our faith is not a requirement for meeting an objective standard; instead, the unlimited mercy of God is the very foundation of our life and extends even to demon-possessed Gentiles, as well as to you and me.

But at the heart of our faith and common life is not the obedience of law, for we are not called to be like the Pharisees of old. Instead, we are called, as St. Paul teaches, to confess with our mouths the Lord Jesus and to believe in our hearts that God has raised him from the dead; if we do so, we will be saved. “For with the heart one believes unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

Of course, there are no magic words that can heal our souls. Instead of creating a new law, St. Paul points to the deep truth of what it means to commend all our life to Christ our God. It means that we trust in Him as whole persons. As we offer our lives to Him, our words, deeds, and thoughts will come to embody the new life that He has brought to the world. That is how we open ourselves to receiving His transforming grace. That is how, like the demon-possessed men in today’s reading, we too may become living icons of the mercy of Jesus Christ.

Remember that He did not require the Gergesene demoniacs to earn their deliverance; neither does He require that of us. Instead, the Savior has graciously taken upon Himself the consequences of all human corruption and sin to the point of death, burial and descent to Hades so that He could conquer them all in His glorious third-day resurrection. He has ascended into heaven with full, complete glorified humanity and sent the Holy Spirit to empower His Body, the Church, of which we are members. He lives within our hearts by the Holy Spirit, casting out our demons, forgiving our sins, and enabling us to share in His eternal life even now as healed and



transformed persons in relationship with Him and one another.

By His grace, Christ restores us to the dignity and freedom of those who bear the divine image and likeness. Our salvation is a process, an ongoing journey of sharing more fully in the new life that our Savior has brought to the world. We must confess Christ more fully each day as we find greater healing, as we more fully manifest His victory over sin and death in our own lives. Christianity is not about rules and regulations, but instead about growing in relationship with a Person, our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ. It is about sharing in His blessedness, about partaking in His divine nature by grace. And because God is eternal and infinite and beyond even our best attempts to define and control Him, there is no upward limit on what it means to unite ourselves to Him.

So we are constantly as much in need of Christ's mercy as were those demon-possessed fellows. We say the Jesus Prayer precisely because we are sinners in need of Him. The more we are healed by His grace, the more aware we will be of our brokenness and weakness. The more we open our lives to Christ, the more clearly we will see how far we have yet to go, how undeserving we are, how grateful we must be before an infinitely holy God Who will stop at nothing—not even the cross—in order to bring us into His blessed kingdom. The standards and practices of the Church help us to grow in relationship with Him and with one another. They sustain our faith, and help us grow in freedom from our slavery to the power of sin in our lives. They enable us to do what we cannot do alone as isolated individuals who hide in fear from God and one another. It is time to embrace our true identity as those created in God's image and likeness and called to become partakers of the divine nature. By sincere faith, honest confession, and genuine repentance, let us accept the infinite mercy of the One who loves us so much that He conquered sin and death in order to bring us from the despair of the tomb into the joy of the Kingdom.

(Excerpt from <https://blogs.ancientfaith.com/>)

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

**MERCY:** Page 87, Section 243; Page 109, Sections 309-310



### PLACING OF THE ROBE OF THE BLESSED MOTHER AT BLACHERNAE

Before Her Dormition, the Most Holy Virgin bequeathed one of her garments to a pious Jewish maiden, an ancestor of the old woman, instructing her to leave it to another virgin after her death. Thus, the Robe of the Mother of God was preserved in this family from generation to generation.

The jeweled chest, containing the sacred Robe, was ultimately transferred to Constantinople. St. Gennadius, Patriarch of Constantinople, and Emperor Leo, having learned of the sacred treasure, were convinced of the incorrupt state of the holy Robe, and they certified its authenticity. At Blachernae, near the coast, a new church in honor of the Mother of God was constructed. On June 2, 458, St. Gennadius transferred the sacred Robe into the Blachernae church with appropriate solemnity, placing it in a new reliquary. Afterwards, the outer robe of the Mother of God and part of Her belt were also put into the reliquary.

More than once, during the invasion of infidels, the Most Holy Theotokos saved the city to which She had given Her holy Robe – during the time of a siege of Constantinople by the Avars in 626, by the Persians in 677, and by the Arabs in 717. Especially relevant are the events that took place in 860.

On June 18, 860, the Russian fleet of Prince Askold, a force comprising more than 200 ships, destroyed the coastal regions of the Black Sea and the Bosphorus, then entered the Golden Horn and threatened Constantinople.




Emperor Michael III prayed all night, prostrating himself upon the stone tiles of

the church of the Mother of God at Blachernae. Patriarch Photius spoke to his flock, calling for tears of repentance to wash away their sins and to seek the intercession of the Most Holy Theotokos with fervent prayer. After serving an all-night Vigil, and taking it out from the Blachernae church, the sacred Robe of the Mother of God was carried in a procession around the city walls. Its edge was dipped into the waters of the Bosphorus, and it was then carried to the center of Constantinople to the church of Hagia Sophia.

The Mother of God protected the city and turned back the Russian warriors. An honorable truce was concluded, and the siege of Constantinople was lifted. On June 25 the Russian army left the city, taking with them a large tribute payment. A week later, on July 2, the wonderworking Robe of the Mother of God was solemnly returned to its place in the reliquary of the Blachernae church. In remembrance of these events an annual feast day of the Placing of the Robe of the Mother of God was established on July 2 by Patriarch Photius.

**HOLY THEOTOKOS, PROTECT THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE FROM THE CURRENT SIEGE !**

**HOLY THEOTOKOS, INTERCEDE, TURNING BACK THE ENEMY WARRIORS!**

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



**Tuesday, JULY 4, 2023 - INDEPENDENCE DAY:** This is a federal holiday in the commemorating the Declaration of Independence, which was ratified by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. Pray for Peace in our Country and the World. **PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY:** Lord God Almighty, in whose name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have the grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



**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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