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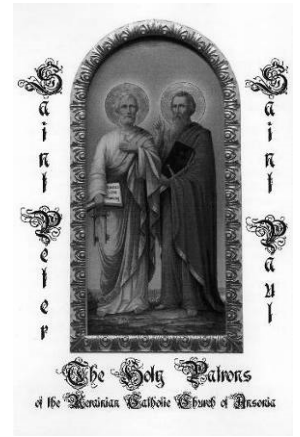
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**Very Rev. Archpriest Edward Canon Young, Pastor**

**July 5, 2020**

5th Sunday after Pentecost, Mother of God of Perpetual Help; Our Venerable Father Athanasius of Athos

Epistle: *Romans 10:1-10* Gospel: *Matthew 8:28-9* 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 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.  
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.




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*(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 - In Thanksgiving for God's Blessing for Living & Deceased family of +Mary Homokowicz & +Michael Smerznak by Michael T.W. Smerznak*

07/04	Saturday	9:00 AM	Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всix Парафіян
07/05	Sunday	10:00 AM	+Judith Walker req. by Robert Jaskilka
07/06	Monday	9:00 AM	+Adele Comcowich
07/07	Tuesday		No Liturgy
07/08	Wednesday	9:00 AM	+John & Mary Fedors
07/09	Thursday	9:00 AM	Special Intention
07/10	Friday		No Liturgy
07/11	Saturday	9:00 AM	Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) - За Всix Парафіян
07/12	Sunday	10:00 AM	+Aleksyj, Maria, Stefan, Michajlo, Anna, Petro & Anna req. by Julia Gyba

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 and Wine Offering Reserved Dates</b> 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	<b>Eternal Light Offering Reserved Dates</b> 7/13/20-7/19/20 7/20/20-7/26/20 8/3/-8/9/2020 8/24/20-8/30/20 8/31/20-9/6/20 9/7/20-9/13/20 9/14/20-9/20/20 9/21/-9/27/20 10/5/20-10/11/20 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	<b>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 7/13/20-7/19/20 8/10/20-8/16/20 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	<b>SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 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
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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!!*

**Divine Liturgy will still be Live streamed on Fr. Edward Young Facebook Page at 10:00 AM very Sunday.**

**In the June 2020 Sower was the donation by Parish for Year 2019. These donations were incorrect as they were from 2015.**

**\$7,000.00 2019 Goal - \$7,000.00 Balance Due - \$0.00**

**Only \$100.00 or greater will appear in the corrected July 2020 Sower, we hope..**



**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
FEAST OF THE MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP  
Epistle - Romans 10: 1-10; ~ Gospel - Matthew 8: 28-34; 9: 1**

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.

The Church has many rules, many canons, traditions, and practices. 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 ourselves to Him.

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. Now is the time to turn our backs on the degrading delusions of idolatry and to enter into the unspeakable blessedness to which He calls us. Now is the time to confess and believe in Christ as we offer every dimension of our lives to Him for deliverance and transformation that know no bounds. Now is the time to turn from the isolated misery of sin for the joyful communion of those who have been set free through the mercy of Jesus Christ. (*Fr. Philip LeMasters - Ancient Faith Ministries*)



## OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

### *The Symbolism of the Icon*

In the Eastern world, religious art is seen as an extension of God's presence in creation. Icons are much more than beautiful images: they're meant to help us connect directly with God.

The artist who writes the icon strives to illuminate the viewer's soul with divine truth. Above is a photo of the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help—the most widely known icon in the world. This sacred image has special importance for the Redemptorists, who were asked by Pope Pius IX to “make her known throughout the world.”

Each element of the icon has a specific meaning:

Mary's eyes, filled with compassion and love, are directed toward us.

Our Lady is clothed in the colors of virgins (red) and of mothers (blue). These are also royal colors. Jesus, depicted as a young boy, wears the colors of a king.

The star on Mary's veil reminds us that she is the dawn announcing the coming of Christ. Our Lady's hands hold her Son securely, and her right hand directs our gaze to Him. The Christ Child grasps his mother's hand as though he is frightened by what he sees. In His hurry to reach his mother, Jesus has almost lost one of his sandals. He became human, like us, in all things but sin.

On Our Lady's left and right we see the reasons for the child's fear. On the right is the Archangel Gabriel, holding a cross and four nails. On the left is the Archangel Michael, holding a lance, a pole with a sponge, and a vessel of vinegar. This vision of the instruments of the crucifixion has driven the young Jesus to his mother's protective embrace. Yet Our Lady's gaze is fixed on us, her children on earth. She is our source of constant comfort and hope.

### PRAYER TO THE MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Most pure Mother of God, Immaculate Virgin, Queen of the World, Intercessor of Christians, refuse and hope of sinners, I, the most miserable of all, kneel before your icon. I humbly bow to you, O my ever-praised Queen, and wholeheartedly thank you for all the graces which you have so abundantly bestowed on me. But most of all, I thank you for saving me from eternal punishment which I have deserved.

I love you, O my Queen, and for the sake of this love I promise to serve you forever and do whatever I can that others may also serve, honor and love you. O Merciful Mother, after God you are my hope and cause of my salvation. Accept me, your servant, under your mighty Protection.

You can obtain everything from God. Pray to Him to deliver me from all temptations and dangers or at least help me to overcome them. Obtain also for me the virtues of a strong faith, firm hope and true, non-hypostricital love. Be with me especially at the last moment of my earthly life.

My gracious Lady, it is not through my prayers, but rather through your love for God that I implore you. Do not forsake me until you see me in heaven where I will forever praise and thank you in the Kingdom of Your Son, to whom, together with His Eternal Father and the Holy, Good and Life-creating Spirit, belong all glory, honor and adoration, now and forever and ever. Amen. (*Closing prayer of the Akathist Prayer to the Mother of Perpetual Help*)

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

SALVATION: Page 117, Section 330; Page 139, Section 405; Page 140, Section 407; Page 236, Page 715 GRACE: Page 93, Section 260; Page 94, Section 266; Page 153, Section 449



### **+In Memory**

Please remember in your prayers parishioner +Thomas Monks, of Trumbull, died July 3, 2020.

Funeral services are incomplete at this time. ***Vichnaya jomu Pam'iat.***

## Prayers for Peace

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

— Matthew 5:9

In these times of confusion, fear or need let us turn to  
the prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi.



*Lord, make me an instrument  
of Thy peace;  
Where there is hatred,  
let me sow charity;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is error, truth;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light; and Where there is  
sadness, joy.  
O, Divine Master,  
Grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled, as to console;  
To be understood as to understand; To be loved as to  
love; For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning  
that we are pardoned; And it is in dying to ourselves  
that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*



Venerable Athanasius, founder of the Great Lavra and Coenobitic Monasticism on Mount Athos,  
and his six disciples Commemorated on July 5

(Cenobitic (or coenobitic) monasticism is a [monastic](#) tradition that stresses community life.)

Saint Athanasius of Athos, in holy Baptism named Abraham, was born in the city of Trebezond. He was orphaned at an early age, and being raised by a certain good and pious nun, he imitated his adoptive mother in the habits of monastic life, in fasting and in prayer. Doing his lessons came easily and he soon outpaced his peers in study.

After the death of his adoptive mother, Abraham was taken to Constantinople, to the court of the Byzantine emperor Romanus the Elder, and was enrolled as a student under the renowned rhetorician Athanasius. In a short while the student attained the mastery of skill of his teacher and he himself became an instructor of youths. Reckoning as the true life that of fasting and vigilance, Abraham led a strict and abstinent life, he slept little and then only sitting upon a stool, and barley bread and water were his nourishment. When his teacher Athanasius through human weakness became jealous of his student, blessed Abraham gave up his teaching position and went away.

During these days there had arrived at Constantinople Saint Michael Maleinos (July 12), igumen of the Kyminas monastery. Abraham told the igumen about his life, and revealed to him his secret desire to become a monk. The holy Elder, discerning in Abraham a chosen vessel of the Holy Spirit, became fond of him and taught him much in questions of salvation. One time during their spiritual talks Saint Michael was visited by his nephew, Nicephorus Phocas, a military officer and future emperor. Abraham's lofty spirit and profound mind impressed Nicephorus, and all his life he regarded the saint with reverent respect and with love. Abraham was consumed by his zeal for the monastic life. Having forsaken everything, he went to the Kyminas monastery and, falling down at the feet of the holy Ihumen, he begged to be received into the monastic life. The Ihumen fulfilled his request with joy and tonsured him with the name Athanasius.

With long fasts, vigils, bending of the knees, with works night and day Athanasius soon attained such perfection, that the holy Ithumen blessed him for the exploit of silence in a solitary place not far from the monastery. Later on, having left Kyminas, he made the rounds of many desolate and solitary places, and guided by God, he came to a place called Melanos, at the very extremity of Athos, settling far off from the other monastic dwellings. Here the monk made himself a cell and began to live an ascetical life in works and in prayer, proceeding from exploit to exploit towards higher monastic attainment.

The enemy of mankind tried to arouse in Saint Athanasius hatred for the place chosen by him, and assaulted him with constant suggestions in thought. The ascetic decided to suffer it out for a year, and then wherever the Lord should direct him, he would go. On the last day of this year's length of time, when Saint Athanasius set about to prayer, a heavenly light suddenly shone upon him, filling him with an indescribable joy, all the thoughts dissipated, and from his eyes welled up graced tears. From that moment Saint Athanasius received the gift of tenderness, and he became as strongly fond of the place of his solitude as he had formerly loathed it.

During this time Nicephorus Phocas, having had enough of military exploits, remembered his vow to become a monk and from his means he besought Saint Athanasius to build a monastery, i.e., to build cells for him and the brethren, and a church where the brethren could commune of the Divine Mysteries of Christ on Sundays.

Tending to shun cares and worries, Saint Athanasius at first would not agree to accept the hateful gold, but seeing the fervent desire and good intent of Nicephorus, and discerning in this the will of God, he set about the building of the monastery. He built a large church in honor of the holy Prophet and Forerunner of Christ, John the Baptist, and another church at the foot of a hill, in the name of the Most Holy Theotokos. Around the church were the cells, and a wondrous monastery arose on the Holy Mountain. In it were a trapeza (dining area), a hospice for the sick and for taking in wanderers, and other necessary structures.

Brethren flocked to the monastery from everywhere, not only from Greece, but also from other lands, simple people and illustrious dignitaries, desert-dwellers having labored in asceticism for long years in the wilderness, igumens from many monasteries and hierarchs wanting to become simple monks in the Athos Lavra of Saint Athanasius.


The saint established at the monastery a cenobitic monastic Rule on the model of the old Palestinian monasteries. Divine services were served with all strictness, and no one was so bold as to talk during the services, nor to come late or leave the church without necessity. The Heavenly Patroness of Athos, the All-Pure Mother of God Herself, was graciously disposed towards the saint. Many times he was privileged to see Her with his own eyes. By God's dispensation, there once occurred such a hunger, that the monks one after the other quit the Lavra. The saint remained all alone and, in a moment of weakness, he also considered leaving. Suddenly he beheld a Woman beneath an ethereal veil, coming to meet him. "Who are you and where are you going?" She asked quietly. Saint Athanasius from an innate deference halted. "I am a monk from here," Saint Athanasius replied, and spoke about himself and his worries.

"Would you forsake the monastery which was intended for glory from generation unto generation, just for a morsel of dry bread? Where is your faith? Turn around, and I shall help you." "Who are you?" asked Athanasius. "I am the Mother of the Lord," She answered, and bid Athanasius to strike his staff upon a stone. From the fissure there gushed forth a spring of water, which exists even now, in remembrance of this miraculous visitation.

The brethren grew in number, and the construction work at the Lavra continued. Saint Athanasius, foreseeing the time of his departure to the Lord, prophesied about his impending end and besought the brethren not to be troubled over what he foresaw. "Wisdom disposes otherwise than as people judge." The brethren were perplexed and pondered the words of the saint. After giving the brethren his final guidance and comforting all, Saint Athanasius entered his cell, put on his mantiya and holy kukolion (head covering), which he wore only on great feasts, and emerged after prolonged prayer. Alert and joyful, the holy igumen went up with six of the brethren to the top of the church to inspect the construction. Suddenly, through the imperceptible will of God, the top of the church collapsed. Five of the brethren immediately gave up their souls to God. Saint Athanasius and the architect Daniel, thrown upon the stones, remained alive. All heard the saint call out to the Lord, "Glory to Thee, O God! Lord, Jesus Christ, help me!" The brethren with great weeping began to dig out their father from the rubble, but they found him already dead.

# Spread Thanks!

Thank you to all that assisted Scott Walker with the reopening of church last Sunday.

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