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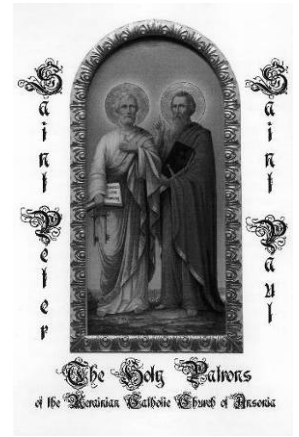
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Very Rev. Archpriest Edward Canon Young, Pastor

August 23, 2020

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, Tone 3; Leave-taking of the Feast of the Holy Dormition;
Holy Martyr Luppus; Holy Priest-Martyr Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons (193-211)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Gospel: Matthew 19:16-26 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

08/22	Saturday		No Liturgy
08/23	Sunday	10:00 AM	+Dora Perun Gela req.by Dorothy Duda
08/24	Monday		NO LITURGY
08/25	Tuesday		NO LITURGY
08/26	Wednesday		NO LITURGY
08/27	Thursday		NO LITURGY
08/28	Friday		NO LITURGY
08/29	Saturday		Feast of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist NO MEAT! NO LITURGY
08/30	Sunday	10:00 AM	+Horney, Fetzko and Brenia Families

ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>Good Health Maria Bilas by Nataliya Jatsiv & Family</i>
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>None Offered</i>
SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		<i>Rest of the Soul of +David L. Lillis by Richard & Mary Ellen Koalchic</i>

Bread and Wine Offering Reserved Dates	Eternal Light Offering Reserved Dates	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES	SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES
8/31/20-9/6/20 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 1/04/21-1/10/21	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	8/31/20-9/6/20 9/21/20-9/27/20 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	9/7/20-9/13/20 11/9/20-11/15/20 12/7/20-12/13/20 12/21/20-12/27/20

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!!



In Memoriam

Please remember in your prayers parishioner **+Helen Tichy 94**, of Shelton, who fell asleep in the Lord on August 18, 2020. Funeral Services August 22nd and interment in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Derby. ***Vichnaya ij Pam'iat***

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Epistle - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 ~ Gospel - Matthew 19:16-26

We all need a good wake-up call from time to time. It is easy to shut our eyes to the truth and to become blind to what is actually going on in our lives. On the question of where we stand in relation to God, it sometimes takes a real shock to wake us up. And once our eyes are opened a bit to truths we do not particularly like, we have to be careful not to run away in shame and despair.

"Good Master, what good must I do to win life everlasting?"

In today's Gospel reading we hear a story that many of us are familiar with, the story in which a young man who had much wealth approached Christ and asked Him what he must do to inherit eternal life. St. John Chrysostom notes that this man was sincere and was not trying to trick Christ by his question or else he would not have left sorrowing. Christ answered the young man's question saying, "*keep the commandments.*" The young man, after saying he has kept all the commandments from his youth until now, inquired further, because, as St. John writes, he "supposes that there are some other commandments besides the law which should procure him eternal life." Christ told him that if he would give up all of his riches he could be perfect. Upon hearing this, he walked away sorrowful because of the grip that the love of possessions had on his soul.

Another important point in this story that shouldn't be missed is how Christ loved the rich young man despite his love of money.

Let us note how Christ responds to this young man and how much Christ loves him. He does not only say "go and sell what thou hast, and give to the poor" but includes the "prize" as St. John says, the prize of first, being perfect and second, which speaks exactly to this young man's passion, "Thou shalt have treasure in heaven."

The rich young ruler in today's gospel text had apparently fallen into the illusion that he had perfectly obeyed God's requirements. He must have had a very superficial understanding of them, of course, to say that he had already mastered them. We know from Christ's interpretation of the commandments in the Sermon on the Mount that they call us to be perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect. And who can claim to have achieved that? The Lord shocked this fellow out of his illusions of holiness by giving him a commandment that he would find impossibly hard to obey. "Sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." The Savior gave him this test because the man loved his wealth so much. He went away in sorrow because his eyes had been opened to how he was devoted more to himself and his money than to God and his neighbors. The Lord did not condemn him, but told the surprised disciples that "with God all things are possible," even the salvation of someone so strongly tempted to the idolatry of wealth.

St. Paul had something in common with the superficial righteousness of the rich young ruler, for he had been a Pharisee who had persecuted the Church. He had been an expert in the kind of self-righteous, hypocritical legalism that Christ so clearly rejected. The Lord opened his eyes to the truth by blinding him on the road to Damascus, and He then empowered Paul for a ministry no one could have anticipated for a former Pharisee as the apostle to the Gentiles. The Lord had made Paul an apostle by miraculously appearing to him, even though Paul knew that he in no way deserved such a high honor. Indeed, he referred to himself as the chief of sinners (1 Tim. 1:15). When we hear such high descriptions of a holy life or learn about the good example of the Saints, we may be overcome with shame at the brokenness of our lives and with a sense of hopelessness that we could ever become pleasing to God. We may become just like the rich young ruler who could not accept the severe tension between Christ's command and his own desires and habits. St. Paul shows us a far better way to respond to our deep regret about our sins and personal brokenness.

But instead of being paralyzed by shame, Paul accepted that "by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain." He knew that whatever he accomplished was not somehow his own achievement, but the grace of God working through him.

If we pay attention at all to the prayers, services, teachings, and readings of the Church, we will know that we are nowhere near mastering what God requires of us. Our vocation to holiness is infinite, for we are called to become radiant with the transforming energies of our Lord, shining like an iron left in the fire of the divine glory. And since the fullness of that transformation means being perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect, this is obviously not a goal that we can ever say that we have met. Whenever we need a guard against self-righteousness, we do not have to look very hard in order to find it.

Instead of judging himself by his own standards, Paul used the awareness of his grave sins to open himself to receive the unfathomable mercy of the Lord, which extended even to the likes of him. He gave up self-righteous illusions about making himself worthy and instead relied on the mercy of the One at work through him. "With God, all things are possible," even for someone like St. Paul to become radiant with holiness by grace. To become like Paul, we must crucify our shame and despair, confessing with that "it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Gal. 2:20).

If we choose obsession with our own failures instead of humble faith in the Lord's mercy, we turn away from the healing of our souls that the Savior extends to those who come to Him with faith, repentance, and love. How tragic it would be for us to reject Him out of the wounded pride that is our shame. How truly blessed it is to say with Paul that "by the grace of God I am what I am," even as we trust in the divine mercy that we definitely do not deserve. That is the only way not to walk away in sorrow when we see the truth of where we stand before the Lord.

(Excerpts from Ancient Faith Ministry homily by Fr. Philip LeMasters and from Holy Cross Monastery)

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

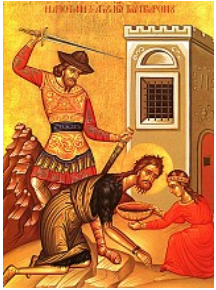
HOPE: Page 184, Section 554; Page 250, Section 767; Page 251, Section 771-773

APOSTLE: Page 28, Section 54; Page 217, Section 668

APOSTLE PAUL: Page 17, Section 25; Page 25, Section 46; Page 28, Section 54

The Beheading of St. John the Baptist

"The memory of the righteous is celebrated with hymns of praise, but the Lord's testimony is sufficient for you, O Forerunner; for you have proved to be even more venerable than the prophets since you were granted to baptize in the running waters Him Whom they proclaimed. Wherefore, having contested for the truth, you did rejoice to announce the good tidings even to those in Hades; that God has appeared in the flesh, taking away the sin of the world and granting us great mercy." (Troparion of the Feast)



The day of the martyrdom of St. John the Baptist is commemorated by the Holy Greek Catholic Church on the AUGUST 29. In memory of the Beheading of Saint John the Baptist, the feast day established by the Church is also a strict day of fast -- as an expression of the grief of Christians at the violent death of the saint.

In Matthew 14:1-12 we read about the cruel death of John the Baptist. John had publicly reprimanded Herod for taking his brother's wife as his own, so Herod had him imprisoned. Although Herod really wanted John dead, he feared the many people who believed John to be a prophet. [Indeed, we in the

Greek Catholic Church consider him to be the last of the Old Testament prophets.] During his riotous birthday party, Herod was so pleased with the dancing of his wife's daughter Salome that he promised her anything she wanted. Her mother prompted her to say, "the head of John the Baptist on a platter." Even though Herod regretted his promise, he had to abide by it because his guests had heard him. So he commanded that John be beheaded and that the head be given to Salome, who in turn, gave it to her mother.

When I think about this date many thoughts come to mind. As you all know this year marks the 10th anniversary as our people and country were scared forever. I am sure that this tragedy changed all of our lives in some ways. It did mine! May we always remember and pray for our country, the innocent victims who lost their lives and their family members, and also those who are overseas at this time fighting so that this tragedy may never happen again.

There is no doubt that the Holy Prophet John suffered imprisonment and chains as a witness to our savior, whose forerunner he was, and gave his life for him. His persecutor had demanded not that he should deny Christ, but only that he should keep silent about the truth. Nevertheless, he died for Christ. Does Christ not say: "I am the truth"? Therefore, because John shed his blood for the truth, he surely died for Christ.

Through his birth, preaching and baptizing, he bore witness to the coming birth, preaching and baptism of Christ, and by his own suffering he showed that Christ also would suffer.

Such was the quality and strength of the man who accepted the end of this present life by shedding his blood after the long imprisonment. He preached the freedom of heavenly peace, yet was thrown into irons by ungodly men. He was locked away in the darkness of prison, though he came bearing witness to the Light of life and deserved to be called a bright and shining lamp by that Light itself, which is Christ.

To endure temporal agonies for the sake of the truth was not a heavy burden for such men as John; rather it was easily borne and even desirable, for he knew eternal joy would be his reward.

Since death was ever near at hand, such men considered it a blessing to embrace it and thus gain the reward of eternal life by acknowledging Christ's name. Hence the apostle Paul rightly says: "You have been granted the privilege not only to believe in Christ but also to suffer for his sake." He tells us why it is Christ's gift that his chosen ones should suffer for him: "The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed in us." Amen. *Fr.*

Taras Naumenko Philadelphia, PA

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з 29-ою річницею Незалежності України
23 серпня, 2020 року, неділя, о 12:00
Урочисте підняття Українського Державного Прапора
над мерією міста Бриджпорт
за адресою: Bridgeport City Hall, Main Entrance at the flag pole, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, CT
13-30 молебінь
у Свято-Троїцькому храмі Бриджпорта
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On behalf of President Trump and the American people, I congratulate all Ukrainians on the anniversary of your nation's independence. The United States remains steadfast in its support for a prosperous, democratic, and free Ukraine, secure within its internationally recognized borders including the occupied districts of the Donbas and Crimea, and resilient against Russian aggression. This year's presidential and parliamentary elections affirmed Ukrainians' desire for a peaceful, prosperous, and democratic future. As President Zelenskyy has noted, by fulfilling its potential, Ukraine can become a model for other countries in the region and beyond. The United States stands with Ukraine at this moment of historic opportunity, and we look forward to working with the new government and the people of Ukraine to advance reforms crucial to your country's success. Best wishes for a joyous Independence Day and a peaceful and prosperous year ahead.



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