



**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*

Fr. Ed Cell 413-218-6404

September 10, 2023

Web Site: www.stsppucc.org

Very Rev. Archpriest Edward Canon Young, *Pastor*
Sunday before the Exaltation of the Cross, Post-feast of the Nativity of the Mother of God;
Holy Martyrs Menodora, Metrodora, Nymphodora

Epistle GALATIANS 6: 11 - 18 Gospel: JOHN 3 : 13 – 17 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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From the Marin of Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross KONTAKION, TONE 4: Willingly raised upon the Cross, O Christ our God,* You bestowed your mercies upon a new people bearing your name.* With your power grant joy to our Church,* giving her victory over enemies,* with the invincible standard, your weapon of peace, as an ally. **IKOS:** He, who was caught up in the third heaven to Paradise and who heard unspeakable and divine words which human beings cannot express, wrote to the Galatians. Study the Scripture, and you will read and understand what he wrote: God forbid that I should glory in anything except the Cross of the Lord on which He suffered the passion. Therefore, let us continue to praise this Cross of the Lord with confidence, for it is the glory of us all. This Wood is our salvation, a weapon of peace, and an unconquerable sign of victory

Bread and Wine Offering

In loving memory of +John and +Anna Malinak by Son & Daughter

09/09	Saturday		No Liturgy
09/10	Sunday	8:30AM 10:00AM	Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всix Парафіян +Antoinette "Toni" Jaskilka & Family req. by Robert Jaskilka
09/11	Monday	10:00 AM	+THEODORE & MELANIA (MAYNICH) Smerznak & Wasil & Anna (PAWTITCK) Homkowicz Smerzniak
09/12	Tuesday		No Liturgy
09/13	Wednesday		No Liturgy
09/14	Thursday	10:00 AM	Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross No MEAT! +William & Clementina Stevenson
09/15	Friday	10:00 AM	+Esther Angelini req. by Holly Angelini
09/16	Saturday		No Liturgy
09/17	Sunday	8:30AM 10:00AM	Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всix Парафіян +Sylvester Edward Fusco req. by Janice & Al Drury & Jamie Watson

ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>None Offered</i>
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>None Offered</i>
SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		<i>None Offered</i>

BREAD & WINE OFFERING RESERVED DATES	ETERNAL LIGHT LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES	SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES
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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 <u>dues will not be collected in the rectory</u>
	Back on January 25, 2005 the Parish Council voted to increase the yearly dues to \$75.00 per member. ,
	<u>Do not place dues in your weekly envelope offering !</u>
	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.

Sunday



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!



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 **August 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 \$4,005 or 54.6% to go \$ 3,405 – 45.4% This week \$0.00

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



VOLUNTEER – By definition, it is a person who freely offers to do something or undertakes a task;

To volunteer means to freely offer up your time and service to help, willingly and without being forced or paid to do it to serve another or the community. When was last time you Have ever asked yourselves "How do I serve a parish Community"? As parishioners, we look to come together at a meal, at the parish festival, and other happenings.... Remember these events do not just 'happen'. These events are not the responsibility of the pastor! For these events to take place, it requires the talents of the member of the parish; it requires each of you to come forward and

VOLUNTEER your time and talents. You don't need an invitation, you need to come forward and offer to help freely, inquire where you can serve. For a parish to be active, vibrant, it needs the help from those it serves! It is time to look around, to become aware of where you and your time and your talents can serve the needs of the parish. It is time to step forward and become involved in the life of the parish. Don't look for the other person to step up, this is your Church. If you want to see parish events happen, you need to be involved. Remember each of you are the CHURCH, each responsible for the full life of the parish. Let us come together to grow in hospitality, grow in community and service. Be a leader and come forward. Be that "Gift" !!

FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY BEFORE THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

EPISTLE - GALATIANS 6: 11 - 18 GOSPEL - JOHN 3: 13 – 17 TONE 6

Most people probably think of birth and death as totally different and unrelated things. We often associate one with great joy and hope, while the other is simply a sorrowful ending. If we think simply in terms of our experience in this world of corruption, then it makes sense to view them in that way. But if we place them in the context of what our Lord has accomplished through His Cross, then we will understand them very differently.

Today we continue to celebrate the Nativity of the Theotokos even as we anticipate the feast of the Elevation of the Cross later this week. That we magnify the Cross should not be surprising to anyone who knows anything about Christianity, for it is through His great Self-Offering on the Cross that our Savior took the full consequences of sin and death upon Himself, and thus conquered them in His glorious resurrection on the third day. His death is our entryway into the new life of the Kingdom, into the "eighth day" of the new creation.

The importance of the birth of the Virgin Mary may be a bit more

obscure, however. Perhaps the place to begin understanding the importance of her birth is with our first parents, Adam and Eve. By choosing to satisfy their own prideful desires instead of fulfilling their calling to become ever more like God in holiness, they ushered in the cycle of birth and death that has enslaved every generation. But instead of leaving us captive to corruption, God prepared across the centuries to restore us to the ancient dignity for which He created us in the first place. Joachim and Anna were a righteous, elderly Jewish couple who, like Abraham and Sarah, longed for a child. God heard their fervent prayers and gave them Mary, whom they dedicated to the Lord in the Temple in Jerusalem. That is where she grew up in preparation to become the Living Temple of the Lord when she miraculously contained Christ in her womb.

We call Mary "Theotokos" precisely because the One Whom she bore is truly divine, the eternal Son of God. We call her the New Eve because she gave birth to the New Adam in Whom our calling to become like God in holiness is fulfilled. As the God-Man, He united humanity and divinity in Himself, making it possible for us to become "partakers of the divine nature" by grace. The first Eve chose her own will over God's and gave birth to those enslaved to death, beginning with Cain and Abel. The New Eve said "Behold the handmaiden of the Lord. Let it be to me according to your word" and gave birth to the One Who conquered death.

The Theotokos' birth resonates beautifully with so much Old Testament imagery. She was miraculously conceived by an elderly couple whose barrenness represents the pain and despair of a world enslaved to sin and death. Joachim and Anna could not overcome childlessness by themselves, even as we cannot overcome the grave by our own power. God's blessing on their intimate union in conceiving the Theotokos is a sign of the healing of the frustrations of the relationship between man and woman, which also result from the rebellion of our first parents. Like Abraham and Sarah, they had to wait for a very long time, but finally God gave them a child. As Hannah did with Samuel, they gave the child to God in the Temple, where she grew up in preparation to receive Christ into her life in a unique way as His Living Temple. The promises to Abraham are fulfilled in Christ and extend to all with faith in Him. The Theotokos' birth is a crucial dimension of how God prepared for the fulfillment of those promises. We cannot tell the story of Christ without also telling hers.

Nothing about the Theotokos' life was a conventional religious accomplishment that drew the praise of others at the time. She is the mother of One Who was crucified as a blasphemer and a traitor. She saw Him on the Cross with her own eyes. As St. Symeon told the Theotokos at Christ's presentation in the Temple, "a sword will pierce your soul as well." (Luke 2:35) But it was precisely through the horror of the Cross that the Savior brought the world into the new day of the Kingdom. He makes us "a new creation" not by giving us mere rules and rituals by which we can try make ourselves worthy or respectable, but by enabling us to become participants in the great victory He won through His crucifixion and resurrection.

In order to accept that high calling, we must be willing to die to all that holds us back from playing our role in



fulfilling God's purposes for the new creation. Like Joachim and Anna, we must be prayerful and patient. Like the Theotokos, we must say "yes" even when we cannot have a full understanding of what it will mean to obey. In all things, we must unite ourselves to the Lord in His great Self-Offering on the Cross, and refuse to base our lives on anything or anyone else. We should remove from our lives anything that we cannot offer to Him for blessing. We should welcome into our lives every opportunity to become more like Him in holiness. In other words, we should move in Him from death to life. The point is not to become conventionally religious or morally impressive, but to embrace the salvation He worked on the Cross that extends to you and me, as well as to the rest of the world. For His death truly is our life, our birth into the new creation of the Kingdom of Heaven. (Excerpt from <https://blogs.ancientfaith.com/>)

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

CROSS OF CHRIST: Page 187, Section 562;

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - A FAST DAY NO MEAT

Save, O Lord, Your people and bless Your inheritance;




grant victory to the faithful over their adversaries.

And protect Your commonwealth, by the power of Your Cross.

(Apolytikion of the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross)

The Feast of the Universal Exaltation of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross is celebrated each year on September 14. The Feast commemorates the finding of the True Cross of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by Saint Helen, the mother of the Emperor Constantine. Relying upon the oral tradition of the faithful, Saint Helen found the precious Cross together with the crosses of the two thieves crucified with our Lord. However, Helen had no way of determining which was the Cross of Christ.

With the healing of a dying woman who touched one of the crosses, Patriarch Macarius of Jerusalem identified the True Cross of Christ. Saint Helen and her court venerated the Precious and Life-Giving Cross along with many others who came to see this great instrument of Redemption.

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Thank you for your donation of time, items and baked goods!! Your generosity made this tag sale a HUGE success!!

The tag sale will continue before and after liturgy for the next week September 17!

No Tag sale this week !!!!!

St. Peter & St. Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church

Religious Education Calendar 2023-2024

September 17 First Class & Safe Environment presentation

This is Catechetical Sunday. After this class, students will sit together for Liturgy in the front pews with teachers.

September 24

October 1

October 15

October 29

November 5

November 19

December 3

December 17

January 14

January 28

February 11

February 25

March 10

March 17

March 23 Children's Confessions and Divine Liturgy for children

Egg Hunt, Pysanka Egg Decorating, luncheon

(Palm Sunday is March 24 and Pascha (Easter) March 31)

April 7

April 21

May 5

May 19

Religious education will be held on the above Sundays in the church hall from 9:00 a.m. to 9:55 a.m. Children will then be able to attend the 10:00 Liturgy.

Teachers for this year:

Audrey Sokol 203-605-4727

Janine Bell 203-710-4453

Donna Wright 203- 278-2374

Linda Fusco (substitute) 203-214-9152

If you are going to be late or absent from class, please notify your child's teacher. Thank you!

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!!!!!!**

O, LORD

I LOVE THE PLACE
WHERE YOUR
GLORY DWELLS

Psalm 26:8 (25:8 LXX)

*The Church as Our
Spiritual Home with God*



2023-2024 CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

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The 2023-2024 Catechetical Year's theme focuses in on the Church as the beautiful dwelling place of GOD WITH US.



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Introduction to the Church (OCT)
The Church as Body of Christ (NOV)
The Church as New Creation (DEC)
The Church as Temple of the Spirit (JAN)
The Church as Family of God (FEB)
The Church as Lampstand (MAR)
The Church as New Jerusalem (APR)
The Church as Royal Priesthood and Holy Nation (MAY)
The Church as Mother and Teacher (JUN)



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