



**ST. PETER & ST. PAUL
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Very Rev. Archbishop Edward Canon Young, Pastor

September 19, 2021

Sunday after the Exaltation of the Cross, Holy Martyrs Trophimus, Sabbatius and Dorymedontus

Epistle: GALATIANS 2: 16-20 ~ Gospel: - MARK 8:34- 9:1 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 10:00AM
SATURDAY: Not Now! 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...

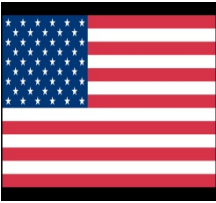
Baptism Arrangement for baptism is to be made personally at the Parish Office. Please call rectory for an appointment.
Marriage – Arrangements for marriage are to be made at least **6 months prior** to the Wedding date. Please call rectory for an appointment.
Sick Calls – To arrange for Sacraments for 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 Country USA: Almighty God, bless our nation and make it true to the ideas of freedom and justice and brotherhood for all who make it great. Guard us from war, from fire and wind, from compromise, fear, confusion. Be close to our president and our statesmen; give them vision and courage, as they ponder decisions affecting peace and the future of the world. Make me more deeply aware of my heritage; realizing not only my rights but also my duties and responsibilities as a citizen. Make this great land and all its people know clearly Your will, that they may fulfill the destiny ordained for us in the salvation of the nations, and the restoring of all things in Christ our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ.

<i>Bread and Wine Offering - None Offered</i>			
09/18	Saturday		No Liturgy
09/19	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всix Парафіян God's Blessing on of Religious Education Teachers & Students
09/20	Monday		No Liturgy
09/21	Tuesday	10:00 AM	+Walter Duda req. by Dorothy Duda
09/22	Wednesday		No Liturgy
09/23	Thursday	10:00 AM	+Samuel & Mary Belinsky
09/24	Friday	10:00 AM	+Adele Comcowich
09/25	Saturday		Religious ED
09/26	Sunday	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всix Парафіян + Antonina Zanowiak req. by Anna & Peter Dutkanicz

ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>In loving memory +Shirley Drake by Drake Family</i>	
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>In loving memory of +Walter Duda by Dorothy Duda</i>	
SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		<i>In loving memory +John Malinak Sr. by Son & Daughter</i>	
BREAD & WINE OFFERING RESERVED DATES 10/4/21-10/10/21 10/25/21-10/31/21 11/1/21-11/7/21		ETERNAL LIGHT LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 10/4/21-10/10/21 11/8/21-11/14/21 11/22/21-11/28/21 12/20/21-12/26/21	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 10/4/21-10/10/21 10/18/21-10/24/21 11/1/21-11/7/21 11/8/21-11/14/21 11/22/21-11/28/21
SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 10/4/21-10/10/21 11/15/21-11/21/21			

2021 & Past Church Dues (Blue Book) (Kollekta)

During Lent & every Saturday & 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. 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!!

Friendly Reminder - 2021 & Past Church Dues are due during lent 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.

**At Divine Liturgy and All other Services
Masks are required and social distancing will be enforced !!!**



2021 STAMFORD CHARITIES DIOCESE APPEAL

The month of September 2021 continues the Stamford Diocese Charities Appeal for **2021**. 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. Please note: that at this time our seminary in Stamford is growing and needs your support. You have received by mail your request for support. Please help this fund as you have in the past.

Please do not send your donation to Stamford!!! Do not use Paypal !!!

Donations \$6,065 or 86.6% to go \$935.00 This week \$0.00

Have you forgot your donation we are so close.....

The 2021 Stamford Diocesan Charities Appeal form has been sent. Please make checks payable to:

"The Byzantine Rite Diocese of Stamford" and send or bring your donation to the church.

Cash is acceptable form for payment.

Since every parish in the diocese has been assigned a Goal for this campaign, **please do not send your gift directly to Stamford.** Our parish needs to be properly credited to meet its goal of seven thousand dollars. **We did not meet our goal in 2020.** While many of our regular contributors have fallen asleep in the Lord, it is even more essential that every parishioner consider such diocesan programs as vocations, religious education, evangelization, and stewardship worthy of personal charity.

Goal \$50,000 – Donated to Date \$14,875 29.8% to go \$35,125

Church Up Keep and Restoration Donations: Donations \$300.00 by

JANINE	BELL	\$100.00	ANDREW	&	BEATA	LYPEN	\$50.00
MARY	FAASS	\$50.00	LUBA			LYPEN	\$100.00

Volunteers needed for Our 125th Anniversary

The parish will be celebrating Our 125th Anniversary in June 2022.

A committee needs to be formed to discuss ideas for this event.

If your interested please contact Bill Platosz platosz@hotmail.com or Scott Walker sjjawalk@aol.com

Today



Sunday, September 19, 2021 at 9:30 AM there will begin 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, as we prepare to celebrate our 125th Anniversary as a Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church here in Ansonia,

Connecticut.

New Life A Program for the Separated and Divorced:

If you are recently divorced or separated you may need to give yourself some time to work through your loss and pain. "New Life" is an eight week program designed for persons in the early stages of separation or divorce. In this program, we offer a "safe place" for people to gain a perspective on their loss. Some of the topics that will be addressed in the program are: self image, stress, anger, blame and guilt, loneliness, and how to move toward growth. The program consists of one meeting each week from 6:00 to 7:30 PM for eight weeks, plus exercises to be practiced between the sessions. If you are interested in attending, the program will begin on Sunday, October 3rd from 6:00-7:30pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Church Parish Center, 733 Oxford Rd. Oxford. The program is Free. Registration is required. Please call Maryjane at 203-888-2382 exit 104 or email pastoralcare@stthomasoxford.org to register.

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Sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house.

June 28, 2021

Subject: **Need for Church upkeep and restoration**

Dear Parishioners:

In the year 2022, it will be the 125th Anniversary of the establishment of Saint Peter and Saint Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. His Excellency Bishop Paul Chomnycky, O.S.B.M., Eparch of Stamford, has approved Sunday June 5, 2022 to be present with us to celebrate this significant moment in the history of this parish.

This parish community has been blessed and has much to be proud of in its long history.

Sanctify those who love the beauty of Your House is quoted from the prayer from the end of Divine Liturgy. It speaks measurably of how the founders of this parish understood the importance of the beauty of God's Holy House.

We, as a parish family, will begin preparation for our 125th Anniversary. There are many needs to be met in our church because of its age. One is our church kneelers. The pads need to be replaced and the kneelers repaired. This is a very costly project, a goal of at least \$50,000. In addition, there are a number of structural issues with the upstairs church and downstairs that need to be addressed. For example, we just received a quote for \$10,000 for repairs that need to be done due to water damage.

In the past year, our church financial situation has been greatly affected because of the Covid19 pandemic. We have been unable to have fundraisers and weekly donations were tremendously low. Therefore, we are launching a fundraising initiative to attend to the many needs of our church.

All members of the parish are called to assist and be as generous as possible in this fundraising effort, following the example of the founding fathers and mothers of this parish, who gave selflessly to build our beautiful church building. We pray our efforts will help sustain our church building for us and future generations.

Enclosed you will find an envelope to make your donation and a stamped return envelope.

Do not use PayPal !

Please make checks payable to:

Saint Peter & Saint Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and wish God's blessings on you and your families.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Archpriest Edward P. Young, Pastor

Mr. Scott Walker, Parish President

You have received this letter in the mail. Please be so kind as to use the enclosed return envelope to the parish with your gift to your parish church. God Bless and Protect.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY AFTER THE EXALTATION OF THE ALL HOLY LIFE GIVING CROSS

EPISTLE - GALATIANS 2: 16-20 ~ GOSPEL - MARK 8:34– 9:1 TONE 8

Today, we have heard the Gospel in the clearest terms. It is a call to live and to die; to be buried with Christ and to be born again in Him. This call is summed up in the image of the Cross.

"If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the Gospel's will save it." (Mark 8:34-35)

The world of mankind is a fallen world. It is sick and dying: wounded by sin, and cut off from God, who is the source of life. For this reason, Christ says that we live amongst "an adulterous and sinful generation" (Mark 8:28). It is a world poisoned by illusions and delusions, ruled by the father of lies, the Devil.

The Gospel calls for us to die to this dying world. Christ teaches us to renounce vain desires and empty ambition. We put aside pride and greed, envy and anger. We seek instead to acquire humility and patience, purity and self-control. "Put to death what is earthly in you," says Saint Paul in his Letter to the Colossians (3:5). We crucify in ourselves every deed and desire that is opposed to God. This is what it means to take up our cross. To follow Christ, to imitate His love and His mercy—this requires a struggle within ourselves, and with the forces of darkness around us.

The Christian Faith is not an easy faith. If we lack a sense of daily struggle, we are missing something. Human nature wants to reduce the spiritual life to a simple formula, to rules and routines. For this reason, we heard Saint Paul today saying: "a man is not justified by deeds of the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ" (Galatians 2:16). "I died to the law," Saint Paul says, "so that I might live to God" (Galatians 2:19).

This is the Gospel: a call to die, and also to live a new life. That new life is one in which Christ Himself lives in us. His strength becomes our strength. His joy becomes our joy. His endless and encompassing love becomes our love. The more fully that we die to this world, the more fully Christ lives in us.

This is the lesson of the martyrs. In a time of persecution, they spoke up boldly on behalf of the Faith and their fellow Christians. For this, they suffered many tortures and even death by fire. They became like another Christ, giving up their life for God. For this, they received the crown of glory and a place with the Lord on high. They took up their cross fully, denied themselves completely, and died to this world gladly. Now they live and reign with Christ forever in the Kingdom that has no end.

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." If we live according to this world and its ways, we are already dying. If we live according to Christ, we enter an existence in which death is no longer an ending, but a beginning to a greater and higher life with God.

Make firm your commitment to die daily to this sinful world, and to live anew by following Christ and His commandments. Let His Holy Cross be your beacon, your guidepost, your spiritual weapon, and your ladder to heaven. May the Lord grant us this grace, through the intercessions of the Martyrs and of all the saints. ([https://www.goarch.org/Homily of His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros](https://www.goarch.org/Homily%20of%20His%20Eminence%20Archbishop%20Elpidophoros))

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

FULLNESS OF LIFE: Page 16, Section 21; Page 17, Section 26; Page 208, Section 829 **KINGDOM OF GOD:** Page 74, Section 203-208;

VOCATIONS: Page 105, Section 299; Page 154, Section 452



From a sermon of St Bernard of Clairvaux

His mother stood by the cross

The martyrdom of the Virgin is set forth both in the prophecy of Simeon and in the actual story of our Lord's passion. The holy old man said of the infant Jesus: He has been established as a sign which will be contradicted. He went on to say to Mary: And your own heart will be pierced by a sword.

Truly, O blessed Mother, a sword has pierced your heart. For only by passing through your heart could the sword enter the flesh of your Son. Indeed, after your Jesus – who belongs to everyone, but is especially yours – gave up his life, the cruel spear, which was not withheld from his lifeless body, tore open his side.

Clearly it did not touch his soul and could not harm him, but it did pierce your heart. For surely his soul was no longer there, but yours could not be torn away. Thus the violence of sorrow has cut through your heart, and we rightly call you more than martyr, since the effect of compassion in you has gone beyond the endurance of physical suffering.

Or were those words, Woman, behold your Son, not more than a word to you, truly piercing your heart, cutting through to the division between soul and spirit? What an exchange! John is given to you in place of Jesus, the servant in place of the Lord, the disciple in place of the master; the son of Zebedee replaces the Son of God, a mere man replaces God himself. How could these words not pierce your most loving heart, when the mere remembrance of them breaks ours, hearts of iron and stone though they are!

Do not be surprised, brothers, that Mary is said to be a martyr in spirit. Let him be surprised who does not remember the words of Paul, that one of the greatest crimes of the Gentiles was that they were without love. That was far from the heart of Mary; let it be far from her servants.

Perhaps someone will say: "Had she not known before that he would not die?" Undoubtedly. "Did she not expect him to rise again at once?" Surely. "And still she grieved over her crucified Son?" Intensely. Who are you and what is the source of your wisdom that you are more surprised at the

compassion of Mary than at the passion of Mary's Son? For if he could die in body, could she not die with him in spirit? He died in body through a love greater than anyone had known. She died in spirit through a love unlike any other since his.

The Conception of St. John the Baptist + September 23

Among all the saints whom the Eastern Church venerates, St. John the Baptist holds a unique place. He alone, of all the Saints, except for the Mother of God, has a feast honoring his Conception, and another honoring his Nativity. The great esteem he enjoys in the Eastern Church is evident from the fact that during the



Church Year as many as six feasts are celebrated in his honor: the feasts of his Conception, Nativity, Beheading, the First, Second and Third Finding of his Head, and the Synaxis following the feast of the Theophany.

In the Eastern Orthodox Church and other Eastern Catholic/Christian Churches, St John the Baptist is usually called St. John the Forerunner, a title used also in the West (Pródromos in Greek, "Precursor" in Latin). This title indicates that the purpose of his ministry was to prepare the way for the coming of Jesus Christ.

Today in the Church we commemorate the conception of the honorable, glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John. On this day the mercy, miracles and wisdom of God are celebrated: His mercy toward the devout and righteous parents of St. John, the aged Zacharias and Elizabeth, who all their lives had wished for and begged a child from God; His miracle, that of John's conception in the aged womb of Elizabeth; and His wisdom, in the dispensation of man's salvation. God had an especially great intention for John: namely, that he be the Prophet and Forerunner of Christ the Lord, the Savior of the world. Through His angels, God announced the births of Isaac to the childless Sarah, Samson to the childless wife of Manoah, and John the Forerunner to the childless Zacharias and Elizabeth. All of these were those for whom He had special intentions, and He foretold their birth through His angels. The solemnity held on this date praises John as a worthy example of what it means to be a follower of Christ and his unique role as the precursor of Jesus.



purple robe.* You ascended the Cross!* Beholding You, the sun and moon hid their light* and the earth trembled with fear;* the veil of the temple was torn in two!* Grant us Your honored Cross as a preserver and protector;* a dispeller of demons!* Venerating You, we all cry out to it:.* Save us by your might, O Cross!* Sanctify us by your radiance, precious Cross!* Strengthen us by your Exaltation,* for you have been given to us as the light and salvation of our souls!

From this Sunday Vespers The Cross depicted of old by the divine prophet Moses,* the faithful seer and beloved of God,* routed the hordes of the strangers.* Now shown forth in divine elevation at the hands of sacred ministers,* it dispels the hordes of demons and assemblies of evil ones,* reproofing the boldness of the ungodly!

Your Cross, our Savior, is the invincible might of Christians!* By it multitudes of enemies are vanquished;* the peace of Your Church, O Christ, is given* to those who offer fitting glory.* As we venerate it now, we entreat You, lover of mankind:.* count us worthy of a portion with Your saints!

Let us clap our hands today* for the victory that is praised with hymns!* With radiant face and tongue let us cry aloud:.* O Christ, for our sake You willed to be tried,* to be spat upon, scourged and arrayed in a

New Day Bereavement Program

Those who are grieving the death of a loved one need to proactively work through their grief. One way that may be helpful is to participate in the bereavement support group called the New Day Program. This program consists of ten two-hour weekly meetings. During each meeting, participants work through one component of the grieving process, guided by the New Day Journal. The program is free of charge for all participants. There will be two sessions beginning in October.

In-Person: Monday, October 4th from 2:00-4:00pm

Place: St. Thomas the Apostle Church Parish Center 733 Oxford Rd. Oxford, CT

Zoom: Thursday, October 7th from 6:30-8:30pm

Reservations are required.

Please contact Maryjane at 203-888-2382 ext 104 or pastoralcare@stthomasoxford.org

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—Psalm 33:12