



**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

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September 24, 2023

Web Site: www.stspucc.org

Very Rev. Archpriest Edward Canon Young, *Pastor*
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost. Holy First-Martyr and Equal-to-the-Apostles Thekla.

Epistle **2 CORINTHIANS 6: 16 - 7:1**

Gospel: **LUKE 5: 1 – 11**

Tone **8**

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.

Name _____ Phone# _____ Email _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

From the Vespers of this Sunday: In the struggles of your contest,* you trampled the enemy underfoot, most blessed Thekla!* As an athlete, you crushed his wiles!* You fled from Thamaris and were wedded to your truly beloved Christ.* Companion of Paul and fellow-sufferer with Stephen.* Since you have boldness, first martyr of Christ among women,* deliver our souls from danger,* as we celebrate as we celebrate your all-glorious memorial in faith!

Bread and Wine Offering None Offered

09/23	Saturday		No Liturgy
09/24	Sunday	8:30AM 10:00AM	+Teodora Garun req. by M/M Jozef Garun Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян
09/25	Monday		No Liturgy
09/26	Tuesday	10:00 AM	+William Decho
09/27	Wednesday	10:00 AM	+Samuel & Mary Belinsky
09/28	Thursday		No Liturgy
09/29	Friday		No Liturgy
09/30	Saturday		No Liturgy
10/01	Sunday	8:30AM 10:00AM	+Mary Wysowski req. by Michael Wysowski 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>	
BREAD & WINE OFFERING RESERVED DATES 11/13/23-11/19/23 11/27/23-12/3/23	ETERNAL LIGHT LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 10/2/23-10/8/23 10/9/23-10/15/23 11/6/23-11/12/23 11/13/23-11/19/23 11/20/23-11/26/23 12/11/23-12/17/23 12/25/23-12/31/23 1/1/24-1/7/24 1/15/24-1/21/24 6/17/24-6/23/24	BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 10/9/23-10-15-23 11/6/23-11/12/23 11/13/23-11/19/23 11/20/23-11/26/23 12/25/23-12/31/23 1/15/24-1/21/24 4/8/24-4/15/24	SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES 10/23/23-10/29/23 11/20/23-11/26/23 12/25/23-12/31/23 1/8/24-1/14/24 1/15/24-1/21/24

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!!

2023 & Past Church Dues (Blue Book) (Kollekt)

TODAY, Sunday 24 September the Spiritual Director of St. Basil Seminary will celebrate the Sunday Liturgies Father Raphael Strontsitskyy. We thank Father Raphael very much.

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!

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 IMPLOR 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" !!

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EPISTLE - 2 CORINTHIANS 6: 16 - 7:1 GOSPEL - LUKE 5: 1 – 11 TONE 8

St. Luke introduces us to the blessed moment when Jesus first began choosing His Disciples. When Jesus was done with teaching the people at the Lake of Gennesaret, he told Peter to let down his net to catch some fish. St. Peter was an experienced fisherman and even though he hadn't caught anything after a whole night of fishing, Peter obeyed in humility. The two boats subsequently filled so greatly with fish that they began to sink. All who witnessed this catch were amazed. Jesus then told Peter, and the brothers James and John (the sons of Zebedee), that they would now "become fishers of men" (5:10), and they immediately left everything and followed Him. St. John Chrysostom writes that the fishermen were called through their profession of fishing, just as the Magi were called through their work of astronomy. This shows that all can be called to Christ through their work and can serve Christ through their work. Christ, however, had greater fishing plans for these fishermen, and they showed their obedience by leaving everything at once and following Him. There is a deeper spiritual meaning to this catch of fish, with the boat being a type of the Church, through which the Apostles would be filled with the faithful. St. Cyril of Alexandria writes that this haul gave the Apostles courage and strength on their evangelizing missions, as they knew that their efforts would bear fruit. Following on from this, he writes that Christ calls all to conversion who "are in the depths of the sea, that is to say, those who live in the surge and waves of worldly things."

(<https://lychnos.org/on-the-calling-of-the-first-apostles-luke-51-11>)

Just as Jesus involved himself in Peter's everyday concerns about fishing, God calls to each of us in our ordinary everyday lives and asks that we follow Him. Sometimes that call is to a radical vocation and sometimes it is a call to feed God's sheep right where we are, in our families, at our work, in our church and in our communities. The message in Luke's Gospel is not so much one of acceptance of, or recognition of a call, it is one of obedience. A call to discipleship is something that God has both commanded and enabled. You see, the fishing for people continues. God has chosen to work through we human beings, we vessels of clay and because God has chosen to work this way, it is crucial that we be alert to God's call and obedient in response to that call.

Jesus' behavior and actions provide the perfect model for us. He went out among the people, into the street, where they lived, worked, experienced joy and sorrow --- all of the messiness of their lives.

(<https://www.cathedralatl.org/>)

Apostle Peter trusted Jesus Christ and for that he was rewarded with a great shoal of fish. Even more, Lord spoke to him; "Do not be afraid; henceforth you will be catching men." Are you too, willing to listen and trust our Lord Jesus Christ? God chooses ordinary people, like you and me, as his servants, ambassadors and he uses the ordinary circumstances of our daily lives and work situations to draw others into his kingdom. Jesus speaks the same message to us today: we will "catch people" for the kingdom of God if we allow the light of Jesus Christ to shine through us. God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy of the gospel. Paul the Apostles says, "But thanks be to God, who in Christ Jesus always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing" (2 Cor. 2:15). Do you witness to those around you the joy of the gospel and do you pray for your neighbors, co-workers, and relatives that they may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and grow in the knowledge of his love (<https://uocofusa.org/>)

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

VOCATIONS: Page 235; Section 710-712;

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 - POKROV FEAST OF THE PROTECTION OF THE BLESSED MOTHER

Our Ukrainian Catholic Church has a great devotion to Mary, the Theotokos, the Mother of God. Throughout the liturgical year, we celebrate various Marian feasts. One such feast is the Pokrov, the commemoration of Her Heavenly Intercession and Protection. It commemorates an appearance of the Virgin Mary in Constantinople.

To understand the love of Ukrainians for the Madonna of Pokrov, we must go back to the 10th century. At that time, whenever the Byzantine Empire (recall that its capital city was Constantinople) was threatened by the Arabs or Slavs, the Virgin Mary appeared with St. John the Baptist and St. John. The Virgin Mary and these two saints appeared to St. Andrew, called Andrew the "Fool in Christ," in the Church of the Blacherns in Constantinople.

During the apparition, the Blessed Mother went in tears to the altar, placing her own veil that covered her head over the people to protect and save them. "Pokrov" means "the veil" in the literal sense and borrows, from the Hebrew of the Old Testament, *seter* (veil), the figurative sense of "protection" or "security."

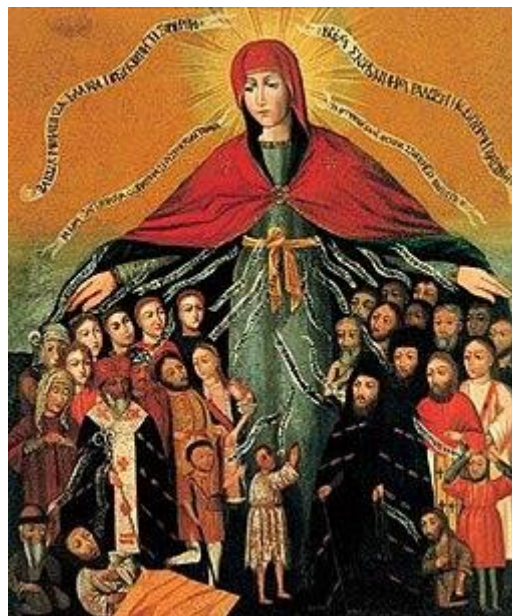
The feast of the Pokrov icon therefore means, in other words, Our Lady of Protection. The icon of Pokrov represents the Mother of God standing in orans (praying position) with her arms raised. This feast, which commemorates her appearance, has been proclaimed the national holiday of Ukraine.




PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF PROTECTION, THE THEOTOKOS:



Cover us, O Queen with the mantle of mercy, O Pokrov and defense of men, Pokrov and defense of believers. On this day we celebrate your luminous feast, O Mother of God, we the faithful protected by your coming and, contemplating your venerable icon, with tenderness we say: cover us with your holy protection and deliver us from all evil, praying your Son, Christ our God, to grant our souls salvation."

Troparion (Tone 4): Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy illumined by your coming, O Mother of God. Beholding your pure image we fervently cry to you: "Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection; deliver us from every form of evil by entreating Christ, your Son and our God that He may save our souls."



<p>For your AD info, message Call 203-734-3895 or YoungE8073@aol.com</p>	<p>WAKELEE MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME John S. Zaleski Director Virginia K. Hylwa Administrator</p> <p>203.734.1490 <i>Parishioners Serving Parishioners Over 90 Yrs.</i></p> 	<p>For your AD info, message Call 203-734-3895 or YoungE8073@aol.com</p>  <p>JOIN SUMA F.C.U. & Save Big! Support Locally! Bank Near & Far!</p> <p>For all your financial needs - we are just a call, click or a text away 914.220.4900 memberservice@sumafcu.org or visit our New Haven or Stamford branches. We are open!</p>  <p>www.sumafcu.org</p>
<p>Support those who advertise in our bulletin!</p>		



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 few weeks! Please stop in the church hall and look around!!