



Leaders of the Apostles and teachers of the world, pray to the Master of all to grant peace to the world

**ST. PETER & ST. PAUL
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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October 1, 2023

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Very Rev. Archpriest Edward Canon Young, *Pastor*

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost and The Feast of The Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God; Holy Apostle Ananias, One of the Seventy Disciples; Our Venerable Father Roman Who Sang Sweetly (560).

Epistle **Hebrews 9: 1-7** Gospel: **Luke 10: 38-42 & 11: 27-28.** 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.

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. 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 Feast Holy Protection Kontakion, Tone 8: Like a cloud brightly overshadowing the whole company of the Church, O all-pure, you appeared of old on the royal City. But as the Protection and Champion of your people, protect from every affliction us who cry to you: Hail, Protection wholly light. **Ikos:** Unfolding from on high your holy Protection, Virgin Mary, Mother of God, you protect and save your people, who cry out to you, Pure Maiden, hour by hour, while now they gratefully sing the praise of your wonders as they cry: Hail, Protection, wholly light! Hail, gate of salvation. Hail, Protection of the Church. Hail, wondrous vision of the Angels. Hail, unshakeable support of mortals. Hail, Ever-Virgin Mother of Christ the universal King. Hail, Protection and assistance of your faithful people. Hail, for you appeared protecting your race. Hail, for you grant victories to the troops. Hail, source of abundant goodness. Hail, lamp of God's loving-kindness. Hail, for through you we conquer the foe. Hail, for to you we cry out each day: Hail, Protection wholly light!

Bread and Wine Offering None Offered

09/30	Saturday		No Liturgy
10/01	Sunday	8:30AM 10:00AM	Feast of the Holy Protection of the Mother of God +Mary Wysowski req. by Michael Wysowski Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян
10/02	Monday		Clergy Days
10/03	Tuesday		Clergy Days
10/04	Wednesday		Clergy Days
10/05	Thursday		No Liturgy
10/06	Friday		No Liturgy
10/07	Saturday	10:00 AM	+Anna Garbera Malinak req. by family
10/08	Sunday	8:30AM 10:00AM	+Steven Zanowiak req. by Joze Garun Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян

ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>In loving memory of +Anna Garbera Malinak by Son and Daughter</i>	
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>In loving memory +Julie Richardson by Jola, Mike Kowal & Family</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 10/9/23-10/15/23 10/16/23-10/22/23 10/23/23-10/29/23 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)

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.

This week there will be Clergy Days in the Eparchy of Stamford

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" !!

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."

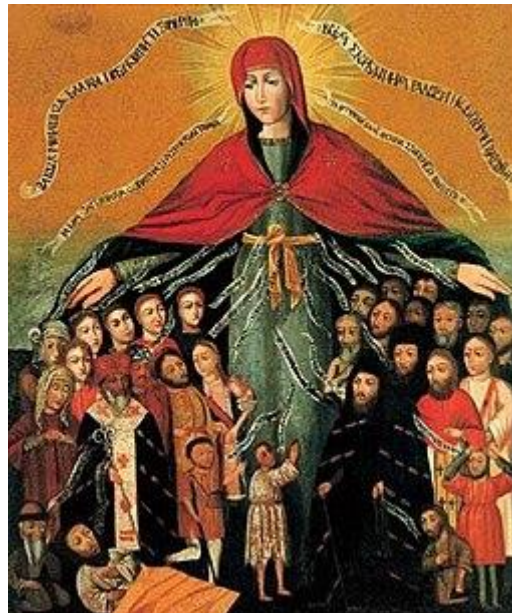
The feast of the Pokrov icon therefore means, in other words, Our Lady of Protection. The icon of Pokrov represents the Mother of God standing in orans (praying position) with her arms raised. This feast, which commemorates her appearance, has been proclaimed the national holiday of Ukraine.

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."





+In Memory

Please remember in your prayers parishioner **+Nicholas Boyko** 100, beloved husband of the late Esther Krywkew Boyko, died peacefully on September 21, 2023, at the Bishop Wicke Health Care Center, Shelton. He was a proud U.S. Navy Veteran of WWII, Interment with Military Honors will take place on Friday, September 29, 2023 at 10:00 AM in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Derby. The Wakelee Memorial Funeral Home, 167 Wakelee Avenue, Ansonia is in care of arrangements.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EPISTLE - Hebrews 9: 1-7 GOSPEL LUKE 10: 38 42; 11: 27-28 - TONE 1

We may wonder why the Lord gave us such difficult teachings to follow as those as we find in today's gospel lesson. Be merciful even as your Father in heaven is merciful. Love your enemies. Do good to everyone; lend expecting nothing in return. Treat others as you wish to be treated. Christ Himself tells us that this is the difficult path of true holiness. God created us in His Image and Likeness for the purpose of dwelling in us as in a living temple. How can light dwell in darkness without making the darkness light? How can the Spirit of God dwell in us richly without making us zealous for, on fire with the mercy of our Heavenly Father? Let us not be deceived: we were made for God; we were made to become partakers of the divine nature, not to become yoked to the darkness of unfaithfulness and impurity. We were not made for ourselves but for God. Our sense of entitlement, our self-willfulness, none of this is natural to us. It is a spiritual leprosy that has afflicted our souls. We were made to partake of righteousness, to dwell in the light of Christ, to live the Life of God and to become like God, overflowing with love, joy and peace. Our Savior sums up the meaning of His words to us in this morning's Gospel by saying: "Become merciful (it says in the Greek) even as your Father is merciful." That is to say, you are not merciful as God the Father is; but, by practicing these precepts, you may become merciful as your Father is merciful. Man was created in the image and likeness of God. That means that he was like God in every respect. God is good, and man was good like God. God is merciful and compassionate, and man was merciful and compassionate like God. God is love, and so man was love like God. Man was good, merciful, compassionate and loving in God, not in himself, for man was raised into existence from the dust of the ground and fashioned in the image and likeness of God; and so man has the capacity for goodness and mercy. He has the natural capacity to receive and to live in the very goodness and mercy of God; and so, man is truly what he is by nature only when he is in God, only when he is partaking of the divine nature, only when he is living in the uncreated virtues and glory of God, only when it is Christ God Himself who lives in him. In the Church, the movement of time has been transformed into an Exodus out of this world of darkness and death to the Kingdom of Light and Life for those who receive Christ in faith and who take up their cross to follow Him. We celebrated the New Year of the Church as the New Creation of the New Age that God has sown like a seed in the wilderness of this world. On the eighth day of the New Year, while the rest of the world went about its business as usual, the faithful celebrated with joy the Nativity of the Theotokos. On the seventh day, in the joy of the Resurrection that dawns for us in the Nativity of His Holy Mother, we take up our Cross in the fear of God, with faith and love, in response to the call of Him who is Himself the Light of the world, the Resurrection and the Life: "Let whoever would be my disciple deny himself," He calls out to us, "and let him take up his cross, and follow Me," to Life eternal and to His Kingdom of Light in the Glory of the Father that He has with the Father from before the foundation of the world, and with which He wants to clothe us as with a garment.




On the next Sunday, we heard the Lord command Simon Peter, James and John and all those "who would be His disciples," to "launch out into the deep," and to "cast their nets for a catch." Go into your soul and catch your heart, your inner man, and draw it into the boat of the Church – which is the very body of Christ, the New Adam, the New Age, the Resurrection and the Life – and acquire the Holy Spirit. And now, this morning, those who have resolved to take up their cross and follow Christ hear Him giving them this command: "Become merciful as your Father is merciful."

This, to become merciful, is the work of taking up our cross. To do the work of becoming merciful requires us to deny the spirit of disobedience. It is through obedience to Christ, doing what He tells us to do in His holy Church, that we will become merciful as God, our Father in the Lord Jesus Christ, is merciful. That is to say, we don't fast for the sake of fasting; we don't pray for the sake of praying; we don't give alms for the sake of giving alms. We do these ascetic disciplines of the Church for this one purpose: to unite ourselves to Christ and to become merciful as our Father is merciful. By taking up the ascetic disciplines of the Church, these flowers of abstinence that grow from the wood of the Cross, we deny ourselves and unite ourselves to Christ, the Flower brought forth by the wood of the Cross, in the likeness of His death; and He, not we, creates in us a clean heart. He, not we, puts in us a new and right spirit, and we are restored to spiritual

health and wholeness, we are raised to life in God, we are transfigured in our soul from darkness to light because in our union with Christ, we are becoming like God: in the love and joy of thanksgiving to God, we become merciful, and compassionate like God. This is the fruit that is brought forth from the wood of our soul as we deny ourselves and take up our Cross and follow Christ because in Christ, it is no longer we who live but Christ who lives in us. (Excerpt from (<https://www.sthermanmpls.org/>)

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

MERCY: Page 60, Section 160 -163

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<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!!

Catholic Social Teaching and the Protection of Human Life What does the Church say about the protection of human life as a social justice issue?

While the commandments “Do not kill” (Exodus 20:13) and “... do not slay the innocent and righteous” (Exodus 23:7) clearly prohibit direct actions which lead to the loss of human life, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* also states that these commandments forbids doing anything with the intention of *indirectly* bringing about a person’s death, exposing someone to mortal danger without grave reason, and refusing to give assistance to someone in danger ([Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2269](#)). The *Catechism* continues to note how social injustices lead to the loss of human life in a number of ways: “The acceptance by human society of murderous famines, without efforts to remedy them, is a scandalous injustice and grave offense. Those whose usurious and avaricious dealings lead to the hunger and death of their brethren in the human family indirectly commit homicide, which is imputable to them” ([Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2269](#)).

The Second Vatican Council affirmed this teaching in it’s core document *Gaudium et Spes*, which says “Furthermore, whatever is opposed to life itself, such as any type of murder, genocide, abortion, euthanasia or willful self-destruction, whatever violates the integrity of the human person, such as mutilation, torments inflicted on body or mind, attempts to coerce the will itself; whatever insults human dignity, such as subhuman living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, slavery, prostitution, the selling of women and children; as well as disgraceful working conditions, where men are treated as mere tools for profit, rather than as free and responsible persons; all these things and others of their like are infamies indeed. They poison human society, but they do more harm to those who practice them than those who suffer from the injury. Moreover, they are supreme dishonor to the Creator.”

God, the Lord of life, has entrusted to men the noble mission of safeguarding life, and men must carry out in a manner worthy of themselves. Life must be protected with the utmost care from the moment of conception ... Gaudium et Spes, 51

The *Instruction on Respect for Human Life in its Origin and on the Dignity of Procreation (Donum Vitae)* stated “From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person – among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.” .

The *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church* (#118) notes the gravity of violations both to one’s life and bodily integrity: “Social too is every sin against the rights of the human person, starting with the right to life, including that of life in the womb, and every sin against the physical integrity of the individual; every sin against the freedom of others...and every sin against the dignity and honor of one’s neighbor.” Both Saint Theresa of Calcutta and Pope Saint John Paul II, two of the greatest saints in recent times, were strong advocates for social justice issues and for the protection of human life:

40 Days for Life Vigils September 27 to November 5, 2023

O God, who through
the fruitful virginity
of Blessed Mary
bestowed on the
human race the grace
of eternal salvation,
grant we pray,
that we may experience
the intercession of her,
through whom we were
found to be worthy to receive the author of life,
our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

