



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.

**ST. PETER & ST. PAUL  
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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**October 15, 2023**

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**Very Rev. Archpriest Edward Canon Young, Pastor**

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost. Commemoration of the Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council. Our Venerable Father Euthymius the Younger, the Holy Venerable-Martyr Lucian, Priest of Great Antioch**

Epistle **GALATIANS 1: 11 - 19**

Gospel: **LUKE 8: 5 - 15**

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Vespers of the Sunday:** Truly the Seven Councils of the Fathers\* although held at various times\* were brought together under the canons and in good order\* by the Patriarch Germanus the New.\* By inscribing and establishing their doctrines\* and offering themselves as intercessors with the Lord,\* the Fathers are protectors of our salvation\* and shepherds of the fold.

*Bread and Wine Offering None Offered*

10/14	Saturday	10:00 AM	+ Mary Elizabeth Koalchic Garahan req, by family
10/15	Sunday	8:30AM 10:00AM	Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян +Samuel & Anna Mlynar req. by Robert Mlynar & Nancy Sherman
10/16	Monday		No Liturgy
10/17	Tuesday		No Liturgy
10/18	Wednesday	7:15pm	Board of Directors Meeting
10/19	Thursday		No Liturgy
10/20	Friday		No Liturgy
10/21	Saturday	10:00 AM	+Fr. Joseph, Stephen & Helen Nesevitch
10/22	Sunday	8:30AM 10:00AM	Pro Populo (For Parishioners) - За Всіх Парафіян +Kelly Nichole Castaldi & +Ivan & Ivan Karpishko req. by Peter & Barbara Pysarchyk

ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>None Offered</i>	
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>In loving memory +Anna Gebuza by Jola, Mike Kowal &amp; Family</i>	
SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		<i>None Offered</i>	
<b>BREAD &amp; WINE OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 11/13/23-11/19/23 11/20/23-11/26/23 11/27/23-12/3/23	<b>ETERNAL LIGHT LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 11/6/23-11/12/23 11/13/23-11/19/23 11/20/23-11/26/23 11/27/23-12/3/23 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	<b>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 10/23/23-10/29/23 10/30/23-11/5/23 11/6/23-11/12/23 11/13/23-11/19/23 11/20/23-11/26/23 11/27/23-12/3/23 12/4/23-12/10/23 12/11/23-12/17/23 12/25/23-12/31/23 1/15/24-1/21/24 4/8/24-4/15/24	<b>SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 10/23/23-10/29/23 10/30/23-11/5/23 11/6/23-11/12/23 11/20/23-11/26/23 11/27/23-12/3/23 12/11/23-12/17/23 12/25/23-12/31/23 1/8/24-1/14/24 1/15/24-1/21/24

**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 **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!!**

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

# Donations needed

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" !!

**PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Meeting**  
*October 18, 2023*



**Monthly Meeting of St Peter & St Paul Board of Directors**  
**Wednesday, evening October 18th, 2023**  
**@ 7:15 pm in the church hall**  
**All Board members are requested to attend!!!!**

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**FATHERS OF THE 7TH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**

**EPISTLE - GALATIANS 1: 11 - 19 GOSPEL - LUKE 8: 5 – 15 TONE 3**

**THE PARABLE OF THE SOILS**

A young man was impatient. He wanted everything in life all at once. He could not wait. One night he dreamed he was in a shop. Behind the counter was an angel. Nervously he asked what the shop sold. "Everything your heart desires," said the angel. "Then I want peace on earth, an end to sorrow, famine and disease..." "Just one moment," smiled the angel. "You haven't quite understood. We don't sell fruits here – only seeds."

It is not only great oak trees that from tiny acorns grow; most ideas and thoughts grow from seeds that have been sown in our minds and hearts. How important then are the thoughts sown in the mind!

In the natural world seeds are so powerful that they can push through thick black asphalt. What of the heart's seeds of love, hate, compassion, greed, envy? Let us never doubt their power to push through any part of our lives where there is an entering wedge.

In today's Gospel lesson Jesus compares the truth, which is His word, to a seed. The seed is scattered everywhere, on the beaten path, among rocks and thorns as well as on good ground. It falls everywhere with the same possibility and promise of life and growth. "Every word in the Gospels is only a seed, only the beginning of an endless process of development."

Sometimes we hear people say, "If only I had an opportunity to hear God speak in Person, I would run my feet bloody to get there. Yet God speaks to us in Person every Sunday when His words are read in the Gospel and preached in the sermon. God has given us His word in Church and at home in the Holy Bible. This is God's word as surely as if God Himself were speaking to us.

The word of God is the seed: His parables, His healings, His miracles but also the Word (Logos) Himself Who was cast as a seed into the ground and buried too be raised to new life. Jesus sowed His seed over hill and dale, and on the last bare hill He sowed Himself. This is how far the love of God has gone for us.

The emphasis in the parable is not on the seed or the Sower but on the soil which is the final determining factor as to whether or not the seed bears fruit. The seed falls on four types of soil says Jesus. Three out of four reject it. I suppose this means that there are four types of people who go to church. Three out of four receive no lasting good by going. Three out of four will miss the point of this sermon or perhaps get the point and be offended by it, or perhaps not hear the sermon because their mind is on some other matter or on no matter at all because they will sleep or daydream through it. If Christianity has experienced crop failure through the centuries, it is because God's truth was preached but not accepted. The fault is not in the truth, the seed, but in the soil, the hearts of the hearers, where the truth was never allowed to take root. One of the key ways to improve the poor soil of our hearts, says Jesus, is by good hearing. "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God." How can we know if we do not hear?

We need to become sensitive to God's voice, as sensitive as a sleeping mother is to the cry of her infant; as sensitive as the great music lover is to the different instruments of the orchestra, able to catch a lonely wrong note from the second violin. It is a law of life that we hear what we have trained ourselves to hear. Day by day may we listen to the voice of God so that it becomes not fainter but stronger as we move in years closer to our final meeting with Him.

How often have we heard the complaint that we church people are mostly ears, that we go to church, and nothing comes of it, that we substitute hearing for doing and call that serving God. It is a complaint that is painfully true. It has caused great crop failures for Christianity through the ages. "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." Let him roll up his sleeves, pick up a hoe, plow the soil, pull up the weeds and stones and prepare to bear rich fruit for Christ! (*Excerpt from writings of Anthony M. Coniaris*)



## SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 7th ECUMENICAL COUNCIL



Today the Church remembers the 350 holy Fathers of the Seventh Ecumenical Council under the holy Patriarch Tarasius (February 25). The Synod of 787, the second to meet at Nicea, refuted the Iconoclast heresy during the reign of Empress Irene and her son Constantine Porphyrogenitos. The Council decreed that the veneration of icons was not idolatry (Exodus 20:4-5), because the honor shown to them is not directed to the wood or paint, but passes to the prototype (the person depicted). It also upheld the possibility of depicting Christ, Who became man and took flesh at His Incarnation. The Father, on the other hand, cannot be represented in His eternal nature, because "no man has seen God at any time"

(John 1:18). This Council met to affirm the belief of the Orthodox that veneration of the Holy Icons was proper and necessary for a correct understanding of the Incarnation of Christ, against those who held that Icon-veneration was idolatry and that all Icons should be destroyed (Iconoclasts).




The Apostle Paul tells us to "reject a heretical man after the first and second admonition" (Titus 3:10), and the great heresy that gave cause for the convocation of the 7th Ecumenical Council of 787 was iconoclasm. As you know, the second of the Ten Commandments says, "Thou shalt not make unto thee any idol, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth" (Exodus 20:4), and the iconoclasts considered the Christian use of holy icons as a breach of this commandments, and for this reason wanted to rid the churches of all iconography. Many modern heretics make the same argument. It is not natures that are depicted on the sacred icons, but persons. The question of icons, then, was not simply a question of whether certain objects were proper for use in worship, nor a question of religious art. On the contrary, it was a question directly linked to our salvation, and with all the decisions of the previous ecumenical councils. Veneration of sacred icons is not only acceptable, but necessary.



**Beneath Thy Protection** Beneath thy mercy, we take refuge, O Virgin Theotokos: disdain not our supplications in our distress, but deliver us from perils, O only pure and blessed one.

**Під Твою милість** Під твою милість прибігаємо, Богородице Діво, молитвами нашими в скорботах не погорди, але від бід избав нас, єдина Чиста і Благословенна.

**Sub tuum praesidium** Sub tuum praesidium confugimus, sancta Dei Genetrix; nostras deprecationes ne despicias in necessitatibus; sed a periculis cunctis libera nos semper, Virgo gloriosa et benedicta.

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9am to 1pm  
All merchandise half price (50% off)**